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NEW GOV. TAKES OFFICE SATURDAY

After six years of continuous service as Governor of Michigan, Alex J. Groesbeck will, on January 1st, step down from that lofty position to make room for his successor, Fred W. Green of Ionia. Mr. Groesbeck has an established law practice in Detroit and will, no doubt, resume active duties in that profession.

Mr. Green will bring a changed atmosphere to Lansing. Gov. Groesbeck is a bachelor and as such Michigan society lacked the social leadership of a "first lady." Governor Green will bring to Lansing a most charming and interesting family, and there is going to be a greater interest in women's affairs in Michigan than there has been in at least six years.

There will be other changes, too. Commissioner Baird is slated to be fired by the new governor, according to campaign promises, within three minutes after the latter assumes authority; and Baird promises to resign in less than that time. Now it remains to be seen whether or not Baird was only bluffing, and if so, whether or not Mr. Green will carry out his campaign promise. It would appear that there is strong influence being brought to bear upon Mr. Green elect to retain Mr. Baird on the conservation commission. If our new governor lives up to the principles he has been advocating, then he will eliminate professional politicians, and John Baird isn't a professional in the game of politics, then we don't know where else to look for one.

It would seem to the average citizen who keeps his thumb upon the trend of the affairs of this state that Gov. Groesbeck had every provocation to ask Mr. Baird to resign following the revelations over the "Hiram Johnson of Zillwaukee" affair. And also during the primary campaign last summer. Mr. Baird apparently tried to humiliate the reputation of ex-Congressman Fordney by certain claims which, when cornered, Mr. Baird admitted that they had nothing to do with this year's campaign. The sportsmen of Crawford county too appear to be dissatisfied with the way Mr. Baird managed some of our fishery regulations. Anyway, we hope Mr. Baird will either resign or be fired, for we believe he is not generally wanted. Who will be his successor has not yet been announced; but we have no fears but that it will be someone big enough for the job and who will forget politics in the conducting of the state's affairs.

We have the utmost faith in Mr. Green and predict that he is to become one of Michigan's most famous governors. In behalf of the people of Crawford county we extend to him a most cordial welcome.

After 12 o'clock next Saturday the address will be Governor Fred W. Green, Capitol building, Lansing.

January 1st of each odd year usually sees a number of changes in county officials and consequent new tenants in some of the county offices. There will be but one change in the court house this time, and that is in the clerk's office. For ten years Frank Sales has held the office of clerk in a most capable manner. He entered upon the work of clerkship without any knowledge of its duties and made good. Of course it took time to become familiar with the affairs of the county, just as it is going to do in the case of Mr. Sales' successor, Charles Gierke, but he did it. And so when Mr. Gierke assumes the duties of that office it will be without having had

any previous training. Of course he won't be expected to know as much about the routine of the office as he might after many years of experience, nor does anyone expect him to, for that would be unreasonable. All county affairs are now under a universal accounting system and with the assistance and information on the part of the prosecuting attorney and other officers that has been offered the incoming clerk, there is not going to be any noticeable setback in the county.

Mr. Sales says that he has not yet decided just what he will do in the future, but will, however continue in the coal business.

F. & A. M. LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Grayling Lodge No. 356 F. & A. M. held their annual installation of officers Monday night, Dec. 27th, and are as follows:

W. M.—H. G. Jarmin. (Re-elected)
S. W.—C. D. Straehly.
J. W.—C. W. Peterson.
Treas.—R. D. Connine. (Re-elected)
Sec.—A. B. Felling.
S. D.—Clark N. West. (Re-elected)
J. D.—Oscar Swanson. (Re-elected)
Stewards—A. L. Roberts, D. Weir.
Tyler—W. W. Lewis.

Health Talk

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE

How you regard woman's present day fashion in dress all depends upon your point of view and the nature of your criterion. There is one criterion which is the reasonable basis for all judgment in the matter—does the prevailing style in woman's dress render her a healthier, happier woman, and does it make her potentially or actually a healthier, happier mother?

With this single criterion in mind we can judge each item of woman's garb, and decide with reason and finality whether it is good or bad. The short skirt shall first be brought to the bar of judgment. It goes without argument that a heavy skirt puts strain on shoulders and waist, and that the heavy skirt is the long skirt. The short skirt is light and therefore healthful. The short skirt means less dragging through mud and snow, less accumulated dampness, fewer germs brought in from the street and dragged about the floor where babies and children play. The verdict goes unanimously to the short skirt. With the departure of the long heavy skirt and its heavy lining have gone numerous petticoats that were its accompaniment. Lighter throughout are women's clothes, giving her added grace and freedom of movement and giving her muscles opportunity for normal development.

Whether or not the lighter garments of today increase women's susceptibility to colds and other respiratory difficulties has been hotly debated. Regardless of styles of dress, the insurance companies continue to rejoice over the increased expectancy of life for both men and women, and make no specifications in regard to clothing when insuring women. The death rate from tuberculosis continues to go down. Because of the greater amount of fatty tissue which she possesses women are less susceptible to changes of temperature than are men, and more resistant to both heat and cold. Lighter garments then, would make less difference for her in this respect.

That old fashioned instrument of torture which women wore, armor-plate masquerading under the name of corset, has gone into the discard. Women know that they were painful, and scientific men affirm them to have been injurious to women as individuals, and as potential mothers. They meant flabby muscles and misplaced organs. It is well then that the corset is out of fashion.

In the matter of shoes times have changed. A woman today confesses openly to a six or a seven or an eight inch shoe. She is comfortable so she cares not what the size of her feet. She likes her low heels too. Nature never designed the internal feminine economy for the tip tilting that results when a woman's heels rival stilts.

The low neck is another innovation that has called forth distribes from moralists and sometimes from mistakes on health zealots. But let us apply the standard of judgment. Which is more healthful the high choker collar of a by-gone day, which cut off circulation, produced headache and eye-strain, and was wretchedly uncomfortable, or the low neck which makes for beauty of contour, for comfort, for greater exposure to the health giving rays of the sun, and increased resistance to disease.

Judged by this, the one reasonable standard which can be applied to the issue, the styles of today are indefinitely more beautiful than the styles of yesterday. Because of this, one cannot repress the hope that for the sake of mothers and their children the prevailing styles will long prevail.

FORMER BAND LEADER REMEMBERED BY THE GRAYLING BANDSMEN

Gaylord, Dec. 28, 1926.
To The Members of The Citizens' Band:
I wish to thank you for the beautiful gift presented to me by the manager.

Your Friend and past Director,
Ed. G. Clark.

A Pennsylvania man in a fit of despondency committed suicide in a taxi the other evening. That's what comes of watching the taximeter.

Signing Off



Charity Ball

New Year's Eve.

School
Gymnasium

You are
Cordially Invited

FRY-BARBER WEDDING

Miss Hazel Fry, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, Roscommon, was united in marriage to Ellsworth Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Barber of Grayling, on Christmas night.

The wedding ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Babbitt. Rev. Baughn tied the knot. The wedding party was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. Fry, mother of the bride, and daughters, Misses Nellie and Edna, and Roy Griffin, all of Roscommon; Mr. and Mrs. Barber, parents of the groom; Mrs. Alice Scott and daughter Alice of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Scott and daughter, Miss Virginia of Grayling.

A delightful wedding supper was enjoyed by the wedding party and guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt, immediately following the ceremony.

The bride was attractively attired in a dress of blue charmeuse, trimmed with bois de rose, and the bridesmaid appeared in a dress of brown charmeuse and gold lace.

After a few days visit at the home of the bride's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Barber will make their home in Flint, where Mr. Barber is in the employ of the Buick Motor Co.

HELP THE POLICE CATCH AUTO-MOBILE THIEVES

(By Erwin Greer, president Greer College of Automotive Engineering, Chicago, Ill.)

Private garage owners all over the United States should be urged to give more co-operation to the authorities seeking stolen motor cars. Late tendencies of the thief are causing police to often look first for stolen cars in private garages.

Car thieves are finding it a safe practice to store stolen machines in rented private garages for a period of from one to three months before sending them to other parts of the country for disposal. When the cars are cold enough—when the robbery has been partially forgotten—it is frequently an easy matter for the thieves to drive it elsewhere and sell it. Naturally the machine has been changed by having its engine number altered; new license plates and forged owner's certificate.

Counterfeit license plates are also being stamped and distributed to the thieves who are often members of a well organized "ring" and forged bills of sale, sales contracts and other certificates are used by practically all the "professional" thieves. Incidentally, license plates—regular ones—are stolen for use on another car.

Many agencies are now engaged in fighting auto thievery in the United States, which has grown to enormous proportions in the last few years. These include special theft details of insurance companies, city police departments, civic organizations, auto clubs and county and federal departments.

An important percentage of these stolen machines are stored in the many private garages, and smuggled out of the city at a later period if they are not discovered. To combat this situation the theft bureau of the big motoring organizations are making a special appeal to owners of private garages to report any rentals to strangers who do not use the machine regularly but leave them stored in the building. Such reports will be gratefully received, as many stolen cars are continually being sought by their operatives.

The trouble with these radio bed-time stories for the young is that they are broadcasted about eight or nine hours too early in the evening.

POPULAR ENTERTAINER HERE JAN. 6

NED WOODMAN, CARTOONIST

However familiar you may be with the work of Ned Woodman in the newspapers, humorous publications and trade periodicals of the country, you know little about him until you have seen and heard him as an entertainer.

Woodman's humor is of such a character that the printing press can only show you a small part of it.

You could listen to his remarks, stories, dialect readings and verses, even if you were blindfolded, and be



Ned Woodman, Cartoonist

highly entertained; but you'd better use your eyes, because his "lectures" are built around those big crayon pictures which he draws for you while you are listening to him.

Some of these pictures are pretty, others are irresistibly comical, and all are strong and spirited and have some sort of a point to them. Pleasant and laughable surprises pervade his entire program—and yet you carry away something better than a mere memory of having been amused. Such words as "instructive" and "uplifting" are sometimes used in speaking of his work. He admits that he doesn't see just why, but he hopes he is not doing much harm.

See him and hear him—laugh and then think—and then laugh some more.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH
THURSDAY EVENING, JAN 6

CHARITY BALL NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Charity Ball given by the Hospital Aid for the benefit of Mercy hospital will take place Friday, Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve. A large attendance is desired. Come and dance the Old Year out and the New Year in. You will also be helping out the good cause. Tickets \$1.50 per couple. Children, 25 cents. Extra lady, 50 cents. Lunch, extra.

Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, Jan. 2, 1902

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson, Dec. 30, a son. A happy New Year's gift.

Chas. Covert spent Christmas week with his brother, W. B., at the ranch down the river.

Frank Corwin has bought the 80 acre farm of T. Odell on section 33, this township.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hartwick of Jackson were among the Christmas guests in town last week.

Rev. Bekker and family were gladened at Christmas time by the home coming of both the boys.

J. Leece and E. Sparks are the new stewards of Grayling Lodge, F. & A. M. and R. P. Forbes is Tyler.

Born—On Christmas eve, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Failor, a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ingerson, a grandson.

Mrs. Ella McIntyre was glad to welcome her brother, Mr. Isaac Johnson of Oakley for a holiday visit last week.

Miss Josie Jones came home from Saginaw Tuesday of last week for a visit with her parents and friends during the holidays.

H. Schreiber Jr. of South Branch was in town last Friday. He is getting ready to make final proof on his homestead.

J. H. Redhead was in town the last of the week. His sawmill in 26-1, is running, and he will be cutting shingles this week.

J. J. Neiderer is building an extensive addition to his ice house. He must be anticipating "a hot time in the old town" next summer.

We are pleased to note that Miss Etta Coventry has accepted the position in our school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Coates.

John Ginnbaugh of Lyons came up the first of the week with two fine teams for his son, Chas. Ginnbaugh, for use in his camp west of Portage lake.

Miss May Blanshan came home from her school at Houghton Lake last Friday, closing a successful term. The board have offered her another term, which she may accept.

Chas. Cowell returned to school at Big Rapids last Monday morning. He will finish his course in March.

Justice McElroy looked in drunk up for ten days, and another paid ten dollars fine and costs, rather than to accept Sheriff Owen's hospitality.

The Dowel Pin factory has been bothered for the past week for the want of stock. It is coming in now. And it is hoped there may be no further delay.

Ed. Hempstead went to Fenton last week and spent Christmas with his father. He reports the family elegantly situated in their new home and that he had an enjoyable visit. He returned to his work in Bear lake camp last Saturday.

Miss Minnie Enright, who has been night clerk at the M. C. eating house, until she seemed a part of the institution, has accepted a position in the government building at Bay City. Her friends will regret her leaving.

Messrs. J. K. Bates, F. R. Deckrow, F. Sherman and Archie Howse of Maple Forest and W. T. Lewis of Frederic attended the installation services and took in the fine banquet

prepared by the ladies of the O. E. S., at the Masonic hall last Friday evening.

The Grayling Dowel Company has commenced the erection of a large warehouse for their product.

Fred Havens has gone to Chicago, where he will take a complete course in civil engineering. While he has apparently recovered from his fractured spine, he will not be able to do heavy work for a long time, and therefore will fit himself for other business. We wish him unlimited success.

Comrades Chalk, Johnson and Chittigo of Maple Forest were in town last Saturday and remained to attend the meeting of the Post, driving home in the night. It is a strong evidence of the fraternity among men who have "touched shoulders," when men who are getting advanced in years will take such a ride for an hour's meeting with the "old boys." The feeling should be, if possible, more strongly cemented and all personal difference be deeply buried.

Frederic
H. Ward received a car load of horses for his farm and lumbering camps, Tuesday.

A Christmas tree at the school house, superintended by the teacher, Miss Marvin and Rev. Willets, was enjoyed by all present. The recitations by the pupils showed a great deal of patience by their instructors. Dr. O'Neil also assisted with his phonograph.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Johnson are the happy possessors of a brand new baby boy.

Chas. Kelley made a business trip to Pinconning last week.

Mrs. C. Wilcox has purchased lots of Mrs. Sievel, and will build in the spring.

J. Charlefour, the slab sawyer, lost the end of his thumb last Saturday.

Chas. Dyer is visiting his sister, Mrs. Banghart.

Judge Items
Mr. Sam Poyce spent Christmas in Grayling.

J. R. Kilbourne went to Bay City for his Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Douglas spent New Years in Grayling.

Mr. Geo. Redhead has gone into the shingle business in these parts. We hope he will make a success of his venture.

Mrs. Jos. Davis is in Detroit undergoing medical treatment. It is hoped that she will be able to return to her home soon.

Mrs. Jos. Sims is now handling the mail for the patrons of Judge P. O. There are none more capable of doing so. Mrs. Judge has resigned.

T. E. Douglas and wife and Chas. Douglas and family spent Christmas at Mr. Joseph Douglas' home in Lovells, where Mrs. Douglas had a well laden Christmas tree in the evening.

Mr. Douglas played Santa Claus, and all were well remembered. The young people enjoyed a few hours dancing at the home of Mrs. Sims, after the presents were distributed. All report a very enjoyable time.

M. of E.—O. P. Schumann.
M. at A.—Carl Doroh.
I. G.—Tracy Nelson.
O. G.—Harry Hemmingson.

A seat in the New York stock exchange has been sold for \$170,000. This seat couldn't have cost much more had it been a genuine antique.

Great Britain is gradually becoming Americanized. Automobiles in London are now killing three people daily.



A NEW YEAR IS FLIRTING WITH US, AND WE ARE ABOUT TO DESERT OUR OLD LOVE, THE YEAR 1926, THE YEAR THAT HAS BEEN SO GOOD TO US. BUT THAT IS THE FATE OF YEARS—THEY MUST COME AND GO, AND AS THEY PASS, THEY OPEN 365 NEW, CLEAN, WHITE PAGES BEFORE US. WE MUST FILL THOSE PAGES. LET US ACCEPT THEM WITH UNBOUNDED FAITH AND RESOLVE TO DO EVEN A LITTLE BETTER THAN WE DID DURING THE YEARS THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE.

IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT THE MANY PATRONS WHO HAVE FAVORED US WITH THEIR PATRONAGE—THIS YEAR—WILL FIND US BETTER FITTED THAN EVER BEFORE TO SERVE THEM. AND OUR SINCERE WISH FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IS EXTENDED TO EACH AND EVERY FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL IN THIS COMMUNITY.

T. W. HANSON
Lumber and Building Material
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As We Turn the Page to 1927

we find spread before us a page, unblemished by a wrong deed or thought, free from any touch of that which is unfair or untrue to friendship for our fellowmen, but with space unlimited to record the good deeds, the kind thoughts and the things we may do for the betterment of mankind. With the keenest desire and most sincere resolve to do our utmost, individually, to make our record on this new page during 1927, as nearly perfect as possible, we wish you each and all a

Happy, Happy New Year

Oscar P. Schumann,
for the
CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

GIVEN AWAY

Cassidy's Bakery is giving away
FREE!

Sport Model Automobile
Coaster Wagon and
Kiddie Car

to the lucky boy or girl who brings in the greatest number of Blue Birds, cut from our Blue Bird Bread wrappers.

The boy or girl who brings in up to Saturday afternoon, March 6th, 1927, at 4:00 o'clock, the greatest number of Blue Birds gets the Automobile, the one having the second greatest number, the Coaster Wagon, and the third largest number the Kiddie Car.

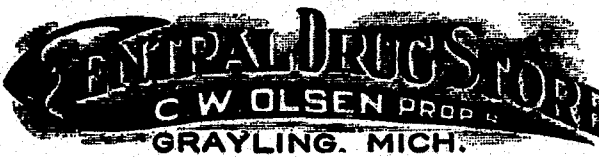
Boys and Girls, get busy and ask your friends to save the wrappers off their bread, and bring them in.

Cassidy's Bakery



Our best wishes for your success and happiness

Let us all pull together for a bigger and better Grayling so we can truthfully say we are the hearth of this wonderful section of Michigan.



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1926

A GREAT BLESSING

Those who listen nightly to the wonderful concerts sent by radio from New York City and many other large cities in the United States must concede that the radio is one of the greatest discoveries in the recent years. To sit comfortably in an easy chair in the warmth of one's own home and listen to programs by some of the world's greatest artists is certainly the height of real comfort and luxury. Do we appreciate the times in which we live or do we accept some of the present conveniences as those of the commonplace? Even the most isolated farm home may have its radio and is no longer shut off from the outside world. They may hear the latest in song, plays and news just as readily as those who live in the thickly settled communities. It is a great blessing. Statistics show that one out of every six farmers in the country now has a radio set and a good one.

NORMAL BUSINESS FOR 1927 IS SEEN BY C. W. NASH

That nothing exists in the general business condition of the country today which should "cause us to feel we are not entitled to expect a normal business for the year 1927" is the opinion of C. W. Nash, president of The Nash Motors Company, and looked upon as spokesman for the automobile industry.

"While it is a fact," said Mr. Nash, "that the cotton crop was 'too good' this year, making the price too low, and that early frost damaged wheat to some extent, yet I believe we will emerge from these drawbacks and find ourselves in a rather healthy position."

"I feel that we will not be confronted with too much political turmoil next year and I am of the opinion that if business men as a whole take a sane view of conditions and operate their various businesses along sane and economical lines, we are bound to have a very satisfactory year."

"It should not be overlooked that the balance of the world is getting into a little better position to buy more goods from America than have been bought in the past few years. 'I am very hopeful that labor will recognize the important part it has played in the affairs of our nation and will go along in the same manner it has been following for some time past. This also would have a great bearing on general conditions of 1927.'

"So far as the automobile industry in particular is concerned, I feel that its outlook is safe and sound. However, I believe it to be a fact that the automobile business will be done by fewer manufacturing companies in the future than in the past, but that automobiles will be made in large numbers and they will be made better each year. In this connection, I don't see anything particularly hazardous about the financing of automobiles for the retail buyer when financed on a proper basis."

ONLY CREDIT ASKED

If a newspaper should publish current gossip, or hints and allusions of the best society in the community it would be ostracized and the editor horsewhipped or burned at the stake. Think a minute of the mean and low things you say about your townsmen and your neighbors and imagine how it would look in print. Don't criticize the newspapers for what they print, but give them great credit for what they don't print. A newspaper that contained one-half the nonsense current among the best citizens would be considered unfit to read. Honest!

A New Jersey mother recently spanked her fifteen-year-old daughter who had run away to get married and then forgave her. It would appear in this case that the spankings should have begun earlier.

ARE YOU THAT KIND OF A DRIVER?

(By Erwin Greer, president Greer College of Automotive and Electrical Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

Be good to your car, and indirectly, you will be good to yourself. This means three things: Law observance, courtesy and consideration for your car.

Many of us have seen the numeral "40" on our speedometers, and the law was broken each time this occurred. Everyone swears they give hand signals with religious scrupulousness, but there are many times when these are entirely forgotten in the stress of other things at the corner. And such signals as most of them are! If the engine ran as raggedly as signals are given, we would all be pedestrians by preference.

Cars are occasionally overtaken and passed on the right hand side, and the performance never fails to cause inconvenience. This practice is illegal, dangerous and decidedly discourteous. When you come to a busy intersection, give the other fellow a chance. Perhaps he was there first. When you overtake and pass a car, don't suddenly slow down and force the driver behind you to ride his brakes to prevent mixing his radiator cap with your spare tire. If you have to slow up after passing a car, you shouldn't have passed it. When there is a delay in traffic ahead, and a line of cars has formed, consider the delay as unavoidable, and don't be the ill-mannered yokel who holds down the horn button, or he that drives around the side of the line.

The useful work your engine does when driving on a level road is to overcome mechanical friction and wind resistance. Both these factors increase very rapidly as you increase your speed, which indicates that the slower you go, the less gasoline will be used per mile traveled. However, it speeds the efficiency of the engine is not as good as at higher speeds. There is, therefore, an optimum speed of about twenty-five miles per hour, at which the best mileage will be obtained. Driving with the hand throttle on long open stretches is also conducive to good mileage, as it allows the engine to operate more uniformly than when your foot, responding to every slight bump, constantly moves the throttle. If you now do thirty-five or better, whenever you can, you will enjoy an increase in gasoline mileage of from two to four miles per gallon by consistently driving between twenty-five and thirty, and you will be surprised to find that you can reach your destination in almost the same driving time.

LOVELLS NEWS

John Rowe has returned to his home in Detroit.

Jess Shoff took a truck load of turkeys to Grayling last week.

Edgar Douglas is home for the holidays from Ann Arbor, where he is attending college.

Mrs. Charlie Feldhauser was a caller in Grayling last week.

James Husted and family of Grayling spent Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. Stillwagon.

Mr. James Warren was a guest of the T. E. Douglas family over Christmas.

John Herie and his crew of men have moved to a camp near Lewiston.

Lewis Stillwagon was in Detroit a few days last week.

Mrs. Orlo Shreve was in Grayling a few days doing her Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Ray Beck is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mary Youngs.

William Paige is staying on the farm of Mike Lux during his absence.

The Christmas tree of the Lovells school was enjoyed by all Friday night. A lovely program was given by the school children. Santa Claus was there, as usual, giving out gifts.

John Sunday was in Grayling last week.

Ruth and Martha Stillwagon came home to spend Christmas.

James Husted of West Branch spent Christmas at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. E. Douglas.

Mrs. Lola Papenfus and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duby.

If anyone found a present among theirs from the Christmas tree with Mrs. Simms' name on it, will they please return it to the rightful owner?

Local News

Don't say Bread, say Blue Bird. It.

O. F. Barnes of Lansing was in Grayling on business Wednesday.

Miss Genevieve Montour expects to spend the New Year's holidays in Bay City.

Mrs. Elsie Pettit and son John are spending the week in Detroit and River Rouge.

Mrs. Hans Niederer and children are spending the holidays in Bay City with relatives.

Howard Herriek of Flint visited over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herriek.

Oscar Taylor and son Charles visited over Christmas with his son and daughters who reside in Detroit.

Collen's Hill at Lake Margrethe is being enjoyed during the holiday season with skiing and tobogganing parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinnee of Gaylord spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappell.

Miss Bessie Brown is spending the holidays in Caro, a guest of the Thomas Trudo and Alva Roberts families.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarmin entertained the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hawthorne of Bay City over the yuletide.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown spent Christmas in Bay City with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff.

Mr. L. H. Chamberlin spent Christmas in Detroit visiting Mrs. Chamberlin and his son and daughters, who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigwald Hanson and children visited over Christmas with Mrs. Hanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Struble of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthieson enjoyed a visit over Christmas from Mrs. Jane Franklin and Thomas Robert of Manistique.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sivrais left last week to spend a couple months with their children, who reside in Detroit, Flint and Bay City.

Mrs. Chas. Woodberry and daughter Mary Lou of Bay City arrived Wednesday to spend New Year's at the home of Joseph McLeod.

Try our Willard batteries when in need of one. Use our garage for your battery storage this winter. Alfred Hanson Service Station.

Miss Anna Nelson returned to Grand Rapids Tuesday night after spending Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson.

Misses Ingeborg and Agnes Hanson were home from Detroit for Christmas visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson.

Miss Janet Matson, who is employed by the Western Union in Detroit, was home over Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elnor Matson.

Mrs. Owen Cameron is leaving tomorrow for Bay City for a few days visit before going to Cadillac, where she will enter the St. Mary's hospital training school for nurses.

Big crowds are gathering to enjoy the lyceum course this year. The next popular number appears here Jan. 6th, in the person of Ned Woodman. Come early if you want a good seat.

Mrs. William Herie entertained a few friends at cards Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Frank Karnes, Mrs. Edward King and Mrs. Ollie Cody, who were visiting here. Lunch was enjoyed after the games.

Edgar and Clyde Dyer, who have been employed in Detroit, arrived to spend Christmas with relatives and expect to remain here indefinitely. They are visiting their sisters, Mrs. Clifford Chappell and Mrs. Rex Chappell.

Little Jack Hull was slightly injured early last evening when he was struck by a fender of the truck driven by George Corwin, at the corner of Cedar street and Michigan avenue. Luckily George was not going fast, or the lad might have been severely hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Petersen and children of Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. William Pober and daughters and Peter Peterson of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. James Olson and family of Grand Blanc visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson had as their guests over Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warner and son Ralph Jr., Miss Helga Jorgenson and Mr. Chas. Smith, all of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jorgenson of Flint, and Roy Culham of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Warner and son, Messrs. Chas. Smith and Roy Culham returned to their homes Monday, while the other guests will remain to spend New Year's at the Jorgenson home.

It has been the custom of the Bridge club for several years to give a party at Christmas time that is not known as the regular weekly party of the club year. This year the dinner was given at Shoppington Inn, and was as usual a very delightful affair. Covers were laid for thirty-four guests at long tables very prettily decorated with four unique Christmas table ornaments arranged by the local florist. Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert opened their lovely home to the guests for the evening, where eight tables were filled for bridge. Mrs. C. G. Clippert and Dr. C. J. McCann held the high scores. Lieut. and Mrs. Russell Bates were guests of the club.

You will want to come early to secure a seat if you want to enjoy Ned Woodman in his unique program, as the third number on the lyceum course, January 6, at the M. E. church.

NOTICE

The parties in Ford coupe who entered my cottage at Higgins lake are known and will be prosecuted if the offense is repeated.

Mrs. M. F. Bingham.

What has become of the old-fashioned housewife who used to knit a few pairs of socks for Christmas?

To get the most out of life

You Must Help

the Other Fellow Live

Especially is this time-proved axiom true in Community life

If you would grow and prosper, a definite and appreciable part of your efforts must be expended in making this Community a better place in which to live.

Then, and only then, will the Community life be able to hold the young folks here, and attract from the outside desired industries and peoples, thus placing us on a basis of sound prosperity and growth.

Grayling Board of Trade

W. W. Lewis
President

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Vice-President

B. E. Smith
Sec.-Treas.

One of the most valuable and useful industries in Grayling is the Grayling Creamery. Those of us who lived here before we had the creamery will doubtless remember that milk was so scarce that even some of the infants suffered for the want of it. This doesn't seem possible but it is the TRUTH nevertheless. And cream was almost an impossibility. There were very few dairy cattle in this community and far from enough to supply the milk that was needed. With the creamery running it is an easy matter to get all the milk and cream that is wanted. But a creamery can't thrive on the sale of milk and cream only. They must make and sell butter and ice cream in order to make the business profitable. Are we all using Grayling Creamery butter in our homes? Their product is excellent and the price no higher than shipment-butter. Why not ask for Grayling Creamery butter the next time we order that product? If your grocer doesn't handle it just tell him that you want Grayling butter and he will get it at your grocers, where the creamery, No. 913, and your order will be delivered. We need this creamery so let's stick by Mr. Bebb and help to make the industry a success.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

LOST—BACK BUMPER FOR Auto, between Grayling and Feldhauser schoolhouse. Finder please notify T. E. Douglas, Grayling.

APARTMENT FOR RENT—STEAM heated, bath and modern. Inquire of Mrs. Daisy Kraus at hardware store. Phone 1222.

RELIABLE YOUNG MAN WISHES Work—Odd jobs or any other work. Leave word at William Brad's, Chestnut St., one block east of hospital.

BUICK COUPE FOR SALE—GOOD buy. Inquire at Avalanche office.

GOOSE OIL WANTED—HIGHEST market price paid. Mac & Gidley, Drugists.

HOUSE FOR RENT—ONE BLOCK from Grayling high school. Newly painted and redecorated on inside. New garage. Phone 1191.

STRAYED—TO THE B. J. CALLAHAN home, a small hound, color black, white and tan. Inquire at Avalanche office.

LOST—SOMEWHERE ON Main St., Keytainer with one key. Name, Kerry & Hanson stamped on outside of case. Reward offered. Leave at Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—Collie and Airedale puppies, 10 weeks old. Call phone 1081.

FOR SALE—NEARLY NEW 5c Slot machine. A bargain. Inquire at Avalanche office.

A BLACK AND WHITE HOUND pup strayed from hunting party, Dec. 12, 3 1/4 miles north of Grayling near M-14. Finder please notify C. R. Adams. Reward offered.

TIMBER WANTED—WE ARE now paying increased prices for box bolts. Write us for prices. Haverston Lumber & Salt Co., Bay City, Mich. 12-16-3

FOR SALE—B-FLAT CORNET. Harold McNeven, at Nick Schlotz grocery or Burke Apts.

STRAYED—TWO HORSES TO THE Hanson State Military Reservation. Owner may have same on proof of ownership and payment of costs. 12-9-6 LEROY PEARSON, Quartermaster General.

WANTED—CLEAN COTTON Rags. Avalanche Office.

FOR SALE—TWO STORY, EIGHT room house, cement block wall, good cement cellar, corner lot with garage. Is assessed at \$1200.00, and the Supervisor and Board of Review say it is worth more. My price is \$900.00 and purchaser pay 1926 tax. If interested write Chas. Ewalt, Mackinaw City, Mich., L. B. 74.

HOUSEWORK WANTED—BY THE day or hour. Mrs. Eva Bailey.

GARAGE FOR RENT OR FOR Storage. Mrs. Lottie Atkinson, South Side Phone 1191.

WANTED—GIRLS' AND SMALL Children's coats and stockings. Also other articles from the homes. At the Salvage Shop. Open every day.

Drawing the Line "I have every confidence in my wife," an Atchison man said, "but I am not going to give her lessons in pistol practice."—Atchison Globe.

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Judging from the way the Democrats are starting senatorial investigations, one is apt to get the impression that only the Republicans are sharing in this present-day prosperity.



THAT YOU May Have a Prosperous Year Is Our Sincere Wish

To the People of Grayling:

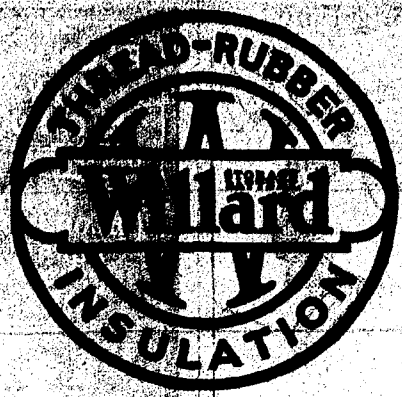
Just a few lines at the closing of the old year to wish you a Happy New Year.

We appreciate very much your patronage for 1926 and hope for a continuance during 1927.

May your every expectation be fulfilled during the year just dawning is our wish for you and yours.

Very truly yours,

Grayling Greenhouses
R. PETERSON, Prop.



When you need a new battery for your car or radio, don't forget we carry a full line of the well known

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and our prices are right. We can also save you some money on

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When it is time to lay the car up for the winter, bear in mind that we also have

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Alfred Hanson Service Station

Phone 1514

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent

Quite a Crop

Ira C. Marshall of Dola, Hardin county, Ohio, is champion corn grower of the world. This year he grew 1686.8 bushels of shelled corn on ten acres, which is at the rate of over 168 bushels of shelled corn per acre. He is very careful to use only choice seed corn. Although his land is naturally very rich he puts manure on a legume sod and plows it under, then put on 200 pounds of fertilizer out of a log (commercial fertilizer). Then he puts some more commercial fertilizer by the side of the hill when the corn is three inches high.

Look at the yield he got—1686 bushels of shelled corn from 10 acres! He thinks it pays to do as he did. You can't get something from nothing in the farming game.

There's Money in Soil Improvement
Each farmer should be saving up this winter to buy some lime and some fertilizer in the spring. Each should begin early to save, in order to be ready for his lime and fertilizer early in the spring.

Lime and Acid Phosphate

Not many people around here argue against lime. It is too well known to be what we need. The next step is to get to plowing under more legume green manure crops, and then to sow some commercial fertilizer on top. Then we will get yields of potatoes, oats, hay and corn that are worth a man's time, taxes and use of his land.

This commercial fertilizer with most of us should be acid phosphate of which we have used several cars here.

Most of the soils in this region are lacking in the phosphorus that is

found in acid phosphate, so we have to put it there ourselves.

Acid phosphate, fortunately, is the cheapest of the fertilizers. Our farmers have found that it pays to use it.

Your county agent uses lots of it on his farm.

We will certainly see its use increase in Crawford county.

The next step better than acid phosphate is to use a 2-16-8 fertilizer, when starting alfalfa. These figures mean 2 parts nitrogen, 16 parts acid phosphate and 8 parts of potash. They mean that we have put 2 parts of nitrogen and 8 parts of potash with the acid phosphate that we have been using, for the 16 stands for the acid phosphate.

Bear down heavily on acid phosphate and save up to get it in the spring.

Acid phosphate excels in keeping stables clean, also makes manure a better fertilizer and conserves liquid portions.

Dairy farmers, in particular, and livestock farmers, in general, are realizing more and more the advantage of having clean, healthful, and agreeable smelling stables.

The acid phosphate, they find, takes up moisture and sweetens the stable equally as well as lime, and instead of lowering the value of the

manure, re-enforces or improves it. Farmers who follow this practice use from 1 to 3 pounds of acid phosphate per cow per day.

The Eye of the Master Fattens His Cattle

"There is an old German adage which says: 'The eye of the master fattens his cattle.' The meaning of this adage is that the herdsman must

watch and study the needs of his cattle if he is to know how to make them grow fat. It is equally true that the eye of the farmer makes his crops grow. In other words, the farmer must study his soil and his crops if he wants to raise large and profitable yields.

"If a farmer wishes to grow maximum yields and do it economically, it is necessary that he become acquainted with the factors that affect plant growth, and then find out which ones are deficient in his soil and proceed to correct them. Untold millions of dollars in time, labor and materials are wasted each year because many people who raise crops do not understand the factors that affect the yields.

"The soil is a complicated machine. To make this machine operate economically to capacity, that is, produce large crops, is the business of the farmer. To operate this business successfully, it is necessary that the farmer study his machine and attend to its needs. In other words, 'The eye of the farmer makes his crops grow.'—From radio talk over Station WLS by Prof. Emil Truog, University of Wisconsin.

See the Picture

Just look several times at the picture below. It certainly tells the truth.

Your county agent is trying to give our farmers the right idea on this fertility business, so that we all can grow bigger yields per acre, feed more stock to bring in money and cut down feed bills.

Here is the picture:

MORE MELON-CUTTING

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

For several weeks past the New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc. has taken the position that the present is an investors market, and has pointed out as worth purchasing stocks of corporations having a good record of earnings over a period of years, sound capital position, wide margin of earnings over dividend disbursements, a good yield in consideration of the market price and dividend, and with the set value of the shares well above the market price. Many of our clients took this advice and as a reward have participated handsomely in the extra cash and stock distributions which recently have been the vogue among the better class of industrial units.

The same advice holds good now. All the worth while authorities look forward for another year of successful business. Industry is optimistic. It is free from fear. Consequently, the melon-cutting has only just begun. All during the fore part of 1927 there will be dividend increases and stock split-ups. The opportunities for investors lie in purchasing outright or nearly so such stocks as are likely to make such extraordinary rewards.

Quite naturally, preceding such increases or extras, the particular stocks will advance in market price, and this is an adjunct not to be despised.

As a helpful hint to our friends we will mention here only a few of the opportunities for profitable purchases. American Steel Foundries, a highly regarded stock with increasing earnings and a trend towards higher rating. Consolidated Gas of New York, with well secured dividends, yielding around 6 per cent with an extra distribution imminent. Union Pacific, which is bulging with assets and cash. Texas Company, which is almost certain to increase its dividends in the near future. Loew's Inc., earning its dividend nearly three times over. Packard Motors, conspicuous among the motors and showing rapid growth of net profits. Cuba Company, Northern Pacific, Marland Oil, Phillips Petroleum, U. S. Industrial Alcohol, Cuban American Sugar and Erie preferred.

Automobile fatalities in Grand Rapids in 1925 totaled 11, which was 26 under the 1925 mark. Safety Director James Sink reported. Last year 36 persons died as a result of automobile accidents. In 1924 there were 21 deaths recorded and in 1923 there were 25, while in 1922 the total was 34. The month of November, with a record of 1,186 automobile accidents, stands out as the worst month in the traffic circles of Grand Rapids. The accidents involved 1,824 male drivers and 112 women motorists.

Four lake vessels are marooned in the ice of Saginaw Bay with the virtual certainty they will have to remain there all winter. The four, the Langell Boys, Saginaw lumber barge, the Sarnia City, a Port Huron tug, and the barges Filmore and Bradley, of Bay City, were within five miles of Bay City at one time, but the ice went out of the mouth of the river and swept them out into the bay again. The ice took them out further in one hour, than what progress they had been able to make in three days.

Detroit's ascension to the coveted position of America's third industrial city has been confirmed in the recent announcement of industrial statistics assembled by the department of commerce. The government census shows that the total wholesale value of products manufactured in Wayne county during the year ending December 31, 1925, was \$2,864,845,246. The estimated retail value of these products is in excess of \$3,000,000,000.

On the payroll of one industrial concern for 55 years is the record of Carl Erling, of Kalamazoo, maker of fine books. In 1871 Mr. Erling entered the employ of the Ohling Brothers & Everard Co. Two years ago his employers had a gold medal of honor struck for him. It was presented at a dinner when Mr. Erling was notified that he had been placed on pension at full pay for the rest of his life. His actual service, therefore, covered a period of exactly 55 years.

Tragedy stalked in the wake of the fifty-first anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Garret Hall, living southeast of Coldwater, when death claimed Mrs. Hall, 72 years old. She died suddenly while at a dinner arranged to fittingly observe the occasion by their two surviving children, John Hall and Mrs. Charles T. Bishop. The occasion also marked the seventy-fifth birthday of Mr. Hall. There were seven guests present who attended their wedding 51 years ago.

Michigan Happenings

The annual report of the Michigan Department of Labor and Industry for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1926, shows that in factories and workshops there were employed 754,051 males, 82,511 females, a total of 836,562; average daily wage of males, \$5.02; of females, \$3.40 in factories and workshops. In stores the number of employees was 24,457, and their average daily wages, \$5.21; number of female employees, 20,471, average daily wage, \$3.18. The average wages for males in all industries of the state was \$5.96; average wages of females, \$3.25.

Snow removal from the streets of Traverse City is altogether too efficient for the draymen, it was revealed in a petition to the city commission by haulers of freight who use sleighs. City plows have been doing such a good job this winter that long stretches of the main streets are bare; the petition points out, making it impossible for the sleighs to travel. Another similar plea has come from farmers of the region, who live off the state trunk lines, who therefore, are compelled to use sleighs to reach the highways covered by state plows.

To bag a wild goose in Michigan is a feat which entitles the lucky nind to maintain an air of arrogance and aristocracy throughout all of a cold winter. But to bag five geese out of one flock puts the happy hunter in a class of exclusive loneliness. Among the lucky few who, however, have succeeded in a limited bag on geese this season is M. E. Davenport of Grand Rapids. Davenport's five birds were lesser snow geese which are smaller than Canada's, but, which wild fowl hunters count more delicately favored.

Michigan is the third state in the union in the production of furniture and the second in number of workers thus employed and wages paid, the department of commerce announced recently. The ranking, as shown by 1925 production is as follows: New York, \$155,826,177; Illinois, \$109,230,867; Michigan, \$99,130,108; Indiana, \$80,687,630; Wisconsin, \$52,915,692; Pennsylvania, \$52,607,048; North Carolina, \$51,208,738; Ohio, \$47,558,668; California, \$36,726,511, and Massachusetts, \$33,638,637.

Henry "Tom" Stephens, millionaire banker, lumberman and traveler, and president of the First National Bank of St. Clements, sends word from the Pacific Coast that he has acquired one of the rare silver dollars of the 1804 coinage, which is quoted at a premium of \$1,000. Only four silver dollars of that issue were coined. One was lost when a noted Turkish wrestler drowned during an ocean trip; one is owned by Hissad Bey, the shah of Persia, and the other by a Philadelphia man.

Purchase of Saugatuck business men of a gasoline motor car to have freight was the suggestion made to a committee of business men from that village by J. A. Anderson, superintendent, and George E. Hunt, division freight agent of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois division of the Pere Marquette railroad. Saugatuck business men asked the railroad to provide freight service between Saugatuck and Holland as a result of the abandonment of the Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Railway company property.

Detroit, with a rate of \$7.8 automobile fatalities per 100,000 stood 13th place among the cities of the country in 1925, the department of commerce announced recently. The rate compares with 25.5 in 1924 and 13.4 in 1921. While 12 cities had a larger proportion of deaths from auto accidents in 1925, only two of these Grand Rapids and Salt Lake City showed so heavy a percentage of increase over 1921. Grand Rapids rising to 29.2 from 10.6 and Utah's capital to 32 from 14.8.

Fred W. Green, Governor-elect, rode into Grand Rapids in an automobile operated by a bootlegger and heavily laden with liquor. Mr. Green's automobile broke down en route from Ionia to Muskegon and with Mrs. Green he halted a passing automobile. After Mr. Green had climbed into the automobile with his wife, he discovered that it was loaded with liquor. "We were mighty glad to get to Grand Rapids and I presume the driver was pleased, too," explained the Governor-elect.

Two-year-old Rodney Brooks, of Muskegon, drank two ounces of slaving extract while his mother was out of the house. He died soon after.

William Ksen, 2, of Detroit, fell into a tub of boiling water and was scalded to death before his mother, Mrs. Joseph Ksen, who was in another room of the house, could answer the child's screams.

Joseph Rossanski, 18 years old, of Grand Rapids, an employee of Michael Smolenski, operator of a meat market, was killed when he came in contact with a high tension wire while he was in a refrigerator at the market.

Read your Home Paper

HAD BAD EYE

Lavoptik Helped at Once
"I had a bad eye and a friend told me to use LAVOPTIK. It helped at once."—M. A. Connelly.
LAVOPTIK is a mild, soothing anesthetic which helps eye pains and inflammation disappear quickly. Makes tired and weak eyes feel strong and fresh. Mac & Gidley, Druggists. 11

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We extend to you our best wishes for the New Year and hoping that success and happiness may be yours.

We appreciate sincerely the confidence you have placed in us during the past year and trust that we merit your continued patronage in the future.

Grayling Electric Co.

PHONE 292

With 3,420,500 automobiles manufactured in Detroit to date in 1926, all previous records of automobile manufacture were broken, according to a survey just completed. The automobiles manufactured represent an estimated retail value of \$2,632,250,000. The figures do not include trucks or heavy commercial vehicles, but are restricted to the vehicles manufactured in the passenger automobile plants of the city. A little more than 56 per cent of the world's automobiles are manufactured in Detroit.

Homer Zimmerman, 32 years, old, a fugitive from the Michigan Reformatory, at Ionia, 11 1/2 years, is back in his cell in the institution, and has more than 14 years to serve. Zimmerman was originally sentenced from Eaton county on Feb. 27, 1915, for burglary, for a term of six months to 15 years. Paroled the same year, he broke his parole by not making the proper reports. Arrested recently at Charlotte as an auto thief, his past record was uncovered. No new charge was placed against him as he must serve out his old term.

The annual report of the Michigan Department of Labor and Industry for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, just issued, shows that at the close of the preceding year, June 30, 1925, the number of employers working under the workmen's compensation act was 27,158 and at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1926, the number was 29,795. During the fiscal year covered by the report, there were 32,430 compensable accidents. Of these 315 were fatal, 2,310 permanent disabilities, and 29,795 partial disabilities.

Our New Year's Greeting
MAY Every Day of Your New Year Be a Happy One

In grateful appreciation of your goodwill we wish you all the joys of the Season.

We enter the New Year with a determination to excel our past efforts to please you whose friendly business has helped make ours successful.

Grayling Creamery

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For Safe Fire Insurance Phone 1112



"We Serve Michigan"

Have We Reached The Danger Line in Taxation?

AMERICAN railroad taxes are mounting to new Alpine heights this year, the latest estimate for 1926, being that they will aggregate somewhere between \$400,000,000 and \$420,000,000, which may be expressed in various ways, although meaning the same heavy load:

- That they will average from \$1,005,800 to \$1,150,675 a day.
- That they will involve a charge per hour between \$45,659 and \$47,945.
- That from six cents to six cents and four and a half mills out of every dollar taken in will go towards taxes.
- That the railroads in 1926 will have to devote more than the net earnings of one mile out of every four for the payment of taxes.

The national government has cut down the national debt from January 1, 1920, to January 1, 1926, by about \$4,250,000,000—four and a quarter billions.

In the same interval, the debts of state and local governments have increased by about 6 1/2 billions—\$6,750,000,000.

During this period of federal debt reduction, the state and local governments have been incurring obligations 20 times as fast as they paid off the old debt. During this same period, debts of state and local governments combined have been incurred 4 1/2 times as fast as they were before the war.

The total public debt of all forms of government in this country is higher than at the peak of the war debt in 1919.

The national debt is being reduced at the rate of three quarters of a billion dollars a year—\$750,000,000.

State and local debt is being increased at the rate of more than a billion and a quarter dollars a year—\$1,250,000,000.

From January 1st, 1920, to January 1st, 1926, national government expenditures were reduced about two billion dollars—\$2,000,000,000.

During the same period current expenditures by state and local governments increased more than two billion dollars a year—\$2,000,000,000—and they are still increasing.

Rising taxes are one of the initial moving forces of the vicious circle of rising costs. Labor asks for higher wages. Producers and distributors pass along the accumulating burden to swell the family budget of the ultimate consumer. This, too, involves higher rents (or home ownership cost), higher food, fuel and clothing costs, etc.

After all, railroads are like any other industry. The farmer does not look forward to his tax bill with more anxiety than does the railroad.

Have we not reached the danger line?

Is it not time to retrench state, county and local expenditures?

MICHIGAN RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

FERTILIZERS
SAVE FEED BILLS

More Hay

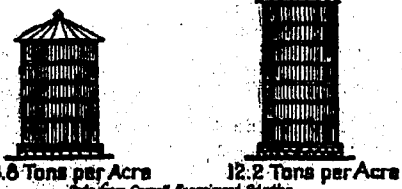
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Data from Cornell Experiment Station

More Silage

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6.6 Tons per Acre 12.2 Tons per Acre

LESS FEED TO BUY

LYDIA of the Pines

by Honor Willie

THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—With her baby sister, Lydia, Lydia returns from play to the untidy home of her impoverished father, Mrs. Dudley, at Lake City. Her father's friend, and her own devoted admirer, John Levine, after discussing affairs with Dudley, makes up his mind to go into politics.

CHAPTER II.—Lydia, Patricia and a companion, Kent Moulton, playing by the lake, are accosted by an old squaw from the nearby reservation. Lydia gives her dog, Margery, small daughter of Dave Marshall, the town's banker, John Levine. In the play Margery falls into the water. She is pulled out, unharmed but frightened, and taken home by Lydia and Kent. Her father calls on Amos to complain, blaming Lydia for the mishap.

CHAPTER III.—Lydia explains the accident and asserts that because Margery is considered "stuck up" she is not a popular playmate. Marshall arranges for Lydia to teach Margery to swim and otherwise become "one of the crowd." Lydia tells Amos his plan to take timber from the Indian reservation and ultimately have it opened for settlement. From an older Billy Norton, Lydia gets a pair of wild ducks, and despite their poverty the Dudleys have a Christmas feast.

CHAPTER IV.—Patience succumbs to an attack of diphtheria, leaving Lydia feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. She finds comfort in the loving kindness of John Levine. Lydia learns that a note of Amos's to teach Margery to swim and otherwise become "one of the crowd" by Marshall, is due and cannot be met. The child pleads with Marshall, and for her sake he agrees to renew the note.

CHAPTER V.—Grieving for the loss of little Patience, Lydia's health fails. Levine, understanding the situation, gives her a pup, which the lonely child takes to her heart. Reaching the age of fifteen, Lydia enters high school, where she at once realizes that her homelike frock and general appearance of poverty set her apart from her better-dressed companions. She attends a party given by her teacher, Miss Towne. The other girls, smartly dressed, make fun of her makeshift costume.

CHAPTER VI.—Lydia is elected sheriff. A sixteen-year-old boy, Charlie Jackson, tells Lydia of numerous wrongs done to his people, mainly by Marshall and Levine. Meeting Levine in Lydia's house, Charlie Jackson threatens an attack on him.

CHAPTER VII.—Lydia is shot by an unseen assassin. Recurring at the Dudley cottage, he learns the real extent of Lydia's illness and she shares her faith in God. The man and girl enter into a compact to start a "search for God" together. The search, however, begins his campaign for congress.

CHAPTER VIII.—Lydia is unable to drive the hatred of Levine from her heart, and the old friend is shaken by the young Indian's stories. Levine has long realized that Lydia's devotion to him is not a love, but a love of the young in age he is passionately in love with the young girl.

CHAPTER IX.—Lydia is triumphant in his campaign for congress. Lydia earns enough money, selling ducks, to go camping with Charlie, Kent, Margery and two school friends, Gustus Bach and a girl named Olga. Miss Towne chaperons them.

CHAPTER X.—Walking with Kent in the woods, Lydia witnesses a meeting of Levine and the Indian. The conversation convinces Lydia that Charlie has been right in accusing Levine of plotting to rob the Indians.

CHAPTER XI.—A visit from the old squaw whom Lydia had befriended long ago causes Charlie to tell more of Marshall's and Levine's time. Lydia promises to talk to him. Billy Norton makes a boyish proposal of marriage to Lydia. In her talk with Levine the man's methods are lawful and really best for the Indians. The girl is only half convinced.

CHAPTER XII.—Charlie tells Lydia his father was killed by halfbreeds at the instigation of Levine, and she is miserable at the thought. The family poverty also weighs heavily on her. She is elected class valedictorian. Billy Norton takes her the senior class where she has her first girlish "wonderful time."

CHAPTER XIII.—Congress passes Levine's bill for the opening of the reservation. At the celebration of the event the Indians and Levine make a disturbance. Billy Norton saves Lydia from harm. Amos arranges to get 120 acres of the reservation, through Levine. Billy tells Lydia he is going to expose Marshall's crooked deals.

CHAPTER XIV.—A congressional commission comes to Lake City to investigate Indian matters, and evidence involving past and present crookedness is produced.

CHAPTER XV.—Before the commission Charlie Jackson accuses Levine of complicity in the murder of his father. Lydia warmly defends Levine. Dave Marshall is exposed as the owner of the "Last Chance," a brothel which was also headquarters for the illegal selling of whiskey to Indians.

CHAPTER XVII

The End of a Great Search
Lydia returned to her college work the Monday after the junior prom, a little thinner, and her color not quite so bright as usual, but in a most cheerful frame of mind. She was feeling, somehow, a new sense of maturity and contentment.

Kent was devoting a good deal of attention to Lydia but this did not prevent his taking Margery about. He was, he explained to Lydia, so sorry for her!

"You don't have to explain to me," protested Lydia. "I want you to go with all the girls you like. I intend to see all I want of as many men as care to see me. I told you this was my playtime."

Kent's reply to this was a non-committal grunt.
It was late in May that he told Lydia what John Levine had finally accomplished. In his silent months of work in Washington, the Indians on the reservation were to be removed bodily to a reservation in the Southwest. The reservation was then to be thrown open to white settlement.

"What will poor Charlie Jackson say?" were Lydia's first words.
Kent shrugged his shoulders. "Poor old scout! He'll have to make a new start in the West. But isn't it glorious news, Lyd! The land reverts to the government and the land office opens it, just as in pioneer days. Everybody who's title in question now can re-enter under settlement laws. Isn't Levine a wizard! Why

don't you say something, Lydia?"
"I don't know what to say," said Lydia. "I'm sick at heart for the Indians. But I'm glad that the awful temptation of the pines is going to be taken away from Lake City. Though how good can come out of a wrong, I'm not sure. When will Mr. Levine come home?"
"Next month."
On a Sunday afternoon, late in June, John Levine stood in at the gate as usual as he had left but the day before. Lydia was inspecting the garden with her father, when she heard Adam bark and while a welcome to some one.

"Oh, there he is, daddy!" she cried, and she dashed down the rows of young pines, her white skirts fluttering, both hands extended.
John seized her hands and for a moment the two stood smiling and looking into each other's face. Except that he was grayer, Levine was unchanged. He broke the silence to say, "Well! Well! Young Lydia, you are grown up."

"It's my hair," said Lydia, "and my skirts."
The two men clasped hands. "Well, Amos?"
"There's been a long time between drinks, John."

"I know it, Amos, but my chore's done. Now, I'll stay home and enjoy life. Lydia, is it too hot for waffles and coffee, for supper?"
"It's not too hot for anything on earth you can ask for," returned Lydia, beginning to roll up her sleeves. "I'll go right in and start them now."

It was an extraordinarily pleasant supper. After the dishes were washed, Levine asked Lydia to stroll up the road with him while Amos did his evening chores. It was dusk when they turned out the gate to the road, Lydia clinging to John's arm.

John put a long, hard hand over the small thin one on his arm. "Have you missed me, young Lydia?" he asked.

"Yes," she answered, "especially as you never came near us after the hearing."

"How could I come?" asked the man simply. "You had weighed me and found me wanting. Have you forgiven me, Lydia?"

"It wasn't a matter between you and me," replied the girl, slowly. "It was between you and your conscience and if your conscience approves, what's the use of asking me to forgive you?"

"Because, I can't stand not having your approval," said Levine.

They strolled on in silence, while Lydia considered her reply. "No matter if the destroying of the Indians were right, that wouldn't exonerate the whites for having been cruel and crooked in doing it. People will always remember it of us."

John sighed, then said abruptly, "Let's never discuss it again. What are you reading now, Lydia?"

"English essayists and Emerson. I'm crazy about Emerson. I learned one thing from Friendship to quote to you. It's like you and me."

She quoted: "Friendship—that select and sacred relationship that is a kind of absolute and which even leaves the language of love suspicious and common so much is this purer; and nothing is so much divine."

John stopped and taking Lydia's face in both his hands, he exclaimed huskily, "Oh, my dear, this is my real welcome home! Oh, Lydia, Lydia, if you were ten years older and I were ten years younger—"

Lydia laughed. "Then we'd travel to all the happy places of the world. We must turn back. Daddy'll be waiting."

Lydia was very busy with the details of the Indian removal for the next week or two. The exodus was accomplished in a businesslike manner. There were some disturbances on the reservation, but for the most part, the Indians were dazed and unprotesting. Before the concentration began, the precaution was taken of sending Charlie Jackson under guard to the new reservation in the Southwest. Lydia had never seen him after her day at the hearing. She always was to carry in her memory, his handsome bronze face, too early marked with lines of despair, as she saw it while she uttered her protest to the commissioners. And it was a hauntingly sad memory to carry.

In the evening Lydia sat with her Emerson open before her, but with her unseeing eyes fastened on the open door. It was a little after nine when the chugging of Kent's car stopped at the gate and in a moment Kent, white faced, appeared in the door.

"John Levine's been shot. He wants Lydia."

Without a sound Lydia started after Kent down the path. Amos following.

Amos, at first, was frantic with delight. Lydia was appalled.

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Lydia looked at Kent thoughtfully. Since the day under the willows, he had not made love to her, yet she had the feeling that Kent was devoted to her and she wondered sometimes why he liked to spend as much time with Margery as with herself. Then she gave herself a mental shake.
"I'm going to tell you right now, that until I have to I'm not going to worry. I'm going to try to be happy in my senior year."
(TO BE CONTINUED)

"Looks like I was going to start traveling alone, young Lydia," he said feebly. "I just wanted to tell you—that Great Search—is ending all right—don't worry."

"I won't," said Lydia.
"Only I hate to go alone—my mother—glum something, doe."

The doctor held glass to his lips. After a moment, Levine said again, "My mother used to hold me—" his voice trailed off and Lydia said suddenly,

"You mean you want me to comfort you like I used to comfort little Patience?"

"Yes! Yes!" whispered Levine. "It's going to sleep alone!—Mother—"

Lydia knelt and sliding her arm under Levine's neck, she pulled his head over gently to rest on her shoulder. Then she began with infinite softness the little song she had not uttered for so many years.

I've reached the land of corn and wine And all its riches surely mine. I've reached that heavenly, shining shore My heaven, my home, for evermore.

Suddenly the nurse shifted John's head and Doc Fulton lifted Lydia to her feet. "Take her home, Amos," he said.

John Levine had finished the Great Search.

Curiously enough, nothing could have done so much toward reinstating Lake City in the good opinion of the country at large as did Levine's tragic death. There was felt to be a divine justice in the manner of his taking off that partook largely of the nature of atonement. He had led the whites in the despoiling of the Indians. For this the Indians had killed him.

That a white life extinguished for a tribe destroyed might not be full compensation in the eyes of that Larger Justice which, after all, rules the universe, did not seriously influence the reaction of public opinion toward thinking better of Lake City. And John Levine, known in life as an Indian graft politician, became in his death a statesman of far vision.

After her first wild grief had expended itself, Lydia found that, after all, Levine's tragic death had not surprised her. She realized that ever since she had known Charlie Jackson, she had been vaguely haunted by a fear of just such an ending.

Billy, trundling up the dusty road from the law office on his bicycle, late each afternoon, would stop for a moment or two.

The drought is something frightful," he said to Lydia one afternoon in late August, wiping the sweat and dust from his face. "Are you feeling any more cheerful, Lyd?"

"I shall always have a gap in my life, where he went out," she said, slowly. "I shall never get over missing him. Oh, he was so dear to me! And yet, Billy, it isn't at all like Patience's death. He didn't depend on me and I didn't live with him so that everything doesn't cry his absence to me. And I've got more resources than I had then—"

She laid her hand on the open book in her lap.

"What're you reading?" asked Billy. "Emerson—Compensation. Listen, Billy—We cannot part with our friends. We cannot let our angels go. We do not see that they only go out that archangels may come in."

"And so," Lydia's voice trembled, but she went on bravely. "I'm trying to understand—trying to see how I can make something good come out of his poor lost life. Somehow I feel as if that were my job. And—and the idea helps me. Oh, my dear John Levine!"

The two young people sat staring at the distant hills.

"Don't you see," Lydia burst out, "that I've got to do something, be something, to make all the loss and trouble of my life worth while?"

"I understand," answered Billy. "Early in September, John Levine's will was found. He had left his entire property, unconditionally, to Lydia."

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(By Erwin Greer, president Greer College of Automotive and Electrical Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

"Gosh, but I'm hungry!" That is the remark that many folks make when out driving all day in an automobile.

"Gee, but I'm tired!" That is another remark that results from a long drive.

Both of these expressions, nowadays very common, are intrinsically untruthful. There is nothing about sitting in an automobile, especially if one drives, that gives exercise or activity to the body. There is nothing in driving which increases activity of the lungs. In fact, as a rule, the process is just the reverse.

When one drives, the spine is bent, the shoulders rounded over, the muscles tense, and one breathes much more poorly than in ordinary walking.

Even the occupant of the back seat has a poor posture, position, or nervous state to imbibe quantities of fresh air.

The mere exposure to the wind as one sails along does not mean that considerable quantities are taken into the body. In fact, one of the most inefficient ways to take fresh air is via the automobile route.

Of all the common, everyday pursuits of life, automobile driving is probably the most nerve racking, nerve exhausting and debilitating.

The tiredness which comes as a sequence to the day's driving is not the effect of exercise but rather the effect of muscle and nerve tension without any relief.

You who want better respiration and a twang to your appetite, put a couple punctures in the tires of your car. Then sling a knapsack on your shoulder. Get out into the glorious outdoors. Follow the lure of the wandering trail. Drink in the sweet nectar of the wild-flowers. Absorb the earthy odor of the moist soil and moss.

When the body grows tired, lie down in the shade of the friendly oak or pine. Listen to the cadence of the birds and of the abundant insect life. Feel the exquisite sense of fatigue that comes from muscles hard used and from the free rhythmic expansion of breathing dust-free air.

One dose of a good, stiff outdoor hike is worth a million miles of Rolls Royce exercise. Try it and you will find that the good old flivver of two firm feet and a stout heart will give vastly more pleasure than six cylinders and a tank full of gas. And your car will be better for the rest, too.

Queen Marie had no sooner arrived home when the royal palace was destroyed by fire. Well, that ain't the first instance when the old homestead broke into flames the day after a fellow's wife got home from her vacation.

Perhaps a pioneer is the fellow who can remember the time when folks thought twelve cents was a big price to pay for a gallon of gas.

The Fascisti seem to be gentlemen with conservative ideas and a radical technique.

\$7,801,313,000 VALUE OF U. S. 1926 CROPS
Total Shows Decline in Value of \$1,148,000,000 Compared With 1925.
Washington.—On the basis of December 1 figures the value of 55 principal crops in the United States for the present year is \$7,801,313,000, it is announced by the Department of Agriculture crop reporting board.
The total shows a decline in value of \$1,148,000,000, compared with the total for 1925 of \$8,949,321,000.
Lower prices and not increased production are chiefly responsible for the decline in values, according to the report.
Grain crops for the year total 4,862,830,000 bushels, compared with 5,947,949,000 bushels as shown in the revised estimates for 1925, or a loss in production of \$92,519,000 bushels or 8.4 per cent.
The survey indicates that the crops showing the greatest decline in value are cotton first, corn second and spring wheat, potatoes and apples in the order named. The cotton crop alone shows a loss of \$581,324,000 in spite of greatly increased production. The value of the cotton crop in 1925 is estimated at \$1,019,346,000.
The corn crop, chiefly due to lower production, is worth \$263,331,000 less in 1926 than in 1925, the report states, the estimates being \$1,703,430,000 for the present year and \$1,966,761,000 for 1925.
Wheat, including both the winter and spring crops, increased in value \$39,682,000, although there was a decline in the value of spring wheat of \$125,890,000, the total estimated value of wheat for 1926 being \$997,589,000. Winter wheat is estimated at \$759,870,000 for 1926, compared with \$594,289,000 for 1925. Spring wheat is valued at \$237,719,000 for 1926, compared with \$363,618,000 in 1925.
The potato crop in 1926 is expected to bring \$506,721,000, compared with \$504,072,000 last year.
The apple crop for 1926 is estimated at \$179,285,000 for 1926, compared with \$218,755,900 in 1925.
In quantities, the report gives the following information:
Corn shows a reduction in yield of 49,000,000 bushels, compared with 1925, when the yield was 2,918,000,000 bushels.
The total available supply of wheat for the 1926-27 season, including the crop and carry-over, is put at \$29,000,000 bushels or 132,000,000 bushels more than last year. Corn supplies are 2,845,000,000 bushels, or 128,000,000 bushels less than at the same time in 1925.
Spring wheat yields, on the basis of the December 1 statistics, show 205,000,000 bushels harvested, compared with 274,683,000 bushels in 1925. The per acre yields being 10.5 bushels and 13.1 bushels. Winter wheat remained unchanged at 626,828,000 bushels compared.
The oat crop of 1,253,739,000 bushels is 28,000,000 less than the actual for last year, but a much smaller cut than had been expected by the trade. The yield of 28.2 bushels to the acre is five bushels less an acre than for the 1925 harvest, the department states.
The rye crop is placed at 40,000,000 bushels or 2,000,000 bushels less than last year.
Barley crops are figured to aggregate 191,182,000 bushels or 68,000,000 bushels less than last year, with per acre yields of 23.3 and 26.8 bushels.
Flaxseed crops are estimated at 18,459,000 or 4,000,000 bushels less than last year and more than 13,000,000 bushels below the revised returns for 1924.
The figures of the potato yield are \$57,800,000 bushels for 1926, compared with \$38,800,000 bushels in 1925.

Washington.—President Coolidge has been invited to make Colorado his summer vacation home in 1927. The invitation offers the palatial residence of Spencer Penrose, near Colorado Springs, as the next summer "White House."

Robbers Take Bank Safe
Independence, Kan.—Robbers looted the state bank at Buffalo, Kan., loading a safe containing \$4,000 on their truck and driving away.

It has just developed that Governor-elect Fred W. Green, waged the most unique political campaign in history. Not once did the Iowan promise to reduce taxes.

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\$11,678,000 Reclamation Bill Is Passed by House

Washington.—Appropriations aggregating \$11,678,000 for reclamation projects in the West and Southwest were approved by the house without a record vote being taken. No new work is involved, the money being provided for completion of projects now in hand. Representative Sumners of Washington has introduced a bill which would provide \$150,000,000 to build a comprehensive irrigation system on the Columbia river.

Pastor and Wife Killed
South Bend, Ind.—Rev. C. M. Vawter, fifty, and his wife were instantly killed when an east bound New York Central mail train struck their automobile in Osceola, Ind.

Eight Automobiles for \$66
Detroit, Mich.—Eight confiscated automobiles were sold for from \$2 to \$18 each, or a total of \$66, at a police auction in Highland Park. Charles W. Seymour, chief of police, was auctioneer.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The probate court for the county of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the 20th day of December A. D. 1925.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Hans Anderson

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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1926

Carl Sorenson was in Bay City Wednesday on business.

Remember, there is a difference in Bread—Blue Bird.

Mrs. Edward McCracken of Fredrick called on Grayling friends Wednesday.

Mrs. William Fairbotham is enjoying the pleasures of a new Easy washer.

Fred Lamm of Monroe was a Christmas guest in the home of Mrs. Celis Granger.

Save your goose oil. We pay highest market prices for it. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deckrow spent Christmas with relatives in Bay City, returning this week.

Arthur Parker and family have moved from the old Pomeroy place to the dwelling over the Grayling creamery.

Electric appliances are modern and appropriate gifts. See them on display at Grayling Electric show room.

Ned Woodman is funny. You will laugh at him and with him if you see him in his program at the Michelson Memorial church next Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Earl Foland and children of Lansing have been guests at the Herbert E. Parker home for Christmas and over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson of Flat Rock are spending the holidays, the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Olson.

Claude Bissonette, who is attending school in Saginaw is spending the holiday vacation visiting his mother, Mrs. Hattie Bissonette.

Memo Corwin visited over Christmas in Ann Arbor with Mrs. Corwin, who is caring for Mrs. Geo. Schaible at the University hospital.

Woodman, the popular cartoonist and humorist, will entertain you at the Michelson Memorial church next Thursday evening, January 6.

Miss Annabelle McLeod returned Wednesday morning after spending Christmas in Detroit, and has resumed her duties at the Schjotz grocery.

Miss Emma Peterson, Axel and Therauld Peterson of Detroit visited over Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson.

Edgar Douglas, who is attending the U. of M. at Ann Arbor is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Douglas of Lovells during the holiday vacation.

Miss Camilla Hum left Friday to spend Christmas in Detroit visiting her sister, Miss Emma and her friend, Miss Alice Bournier, expecting to return the last of the week.

Miss Mildred Corwin, who is teaching in the Christiania school at Lansing for her third year, is home for the holiday vacation, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin.

Buy World's Star Hosiery, and "Klean-Knit" underwear. Special prices now. Mrs. Jas. McDonnell, local representative.

Come on to the Barn Dance, all you old time hoofsers, for we're going to introduce a few good old fashioned dances, Temple Theatre, Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Harold and Frank Schmidt, who are employed in Detroit, are spending the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gothro have as their guests over the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Thurston and little daughter Jane of Perry, Mich. Mrs. Thurston is the daughter of Mrs. Gothro.

The county board of supervisors will open the regular annual January session next week Tuesday. This is a week earlier than usual in order to not interfere with the circuit court, which will convene January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Rasmussen visited over Christmas with the latter's sister, Mrs. Jens Jorgenson and son Axel of Detroit. Peter F. Jorgenson acted as village night marshal during Mr. Rasmussen's absence.

George VanPatten of the "Try It" cafe left Friday night for Detroit to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Glen Penard and other relatives who gathered at the Penard home. He will also visit friends in Flint before returning here.

Peter Babbitt, who has been a member of the coast guards and has been lately stationed at Deer Park station on Lake Superior, has resigned and arrived home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben S. Babbitt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Karnes and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward King of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Cody and three children of Bay City over Christmas. Some of the party remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Raas of Johannesburg and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sales of Detroit were guests at the home of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson over Christmas. Mr. Sales returned to Detroit Monday leaving Mrs. Sales for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and children of Clawson and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lambert of Detroit were guests at the Adam Gierke home over Christmas, returning home Sunday afternoon. The Rasmussens also visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen.

Miss Loretta McDonnell, who is attending the Central Normal at Mt. Pleasant, arrived home Friday morning to spend Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McDonnell. She will leave Friday for Bay City to visit for a few days before returning to school.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Anderson of Maple Forest have sold their fine farm near Grayling to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Richter of Saginaw. They will leave at once for Flint where Mr. Anderson has accepted a position with the Buick Motor Company. Mr. and Mrs. Richter will arrive and take charge of their new farm early next spring.

One of the prominent pastors of a Petoskey church and who has a personal acquaintance with Governor-elect Green by reason of having lived in Ionia four years, says of him: "Fred W. Green is likely to become one of the greatest governors Michigan has ever known." We are very glad indeed to hear this report from one who has known Mr. Green intimately.

Julian Smith is spending his holiday vacation partly in bed trying to check an attack of appendicitis. He seems to be getting along nicely for the present, but doesn't relish the idea of missing so many pleasant days when he could be out on the toboggan hill or hauling in a few big pike out of the lake, and doing many other outdoor things that appeals to his love of the outdoors.

Auto drivers report wonderful roads between here and Mackinaw City, saying they are as smooth as a pavement. South of Grayling, they are also excellent as far south as West Branch, where they are clear of snow, but very slippery with ice, making driving very slow and not unmixed with danger. The roads in the north are a credit to the highway department and a great convenience to the public.

Among the many handsome calendars to reach this office, and sent out by Grayling firms, is that of the Kerry & Hanson Flooring company. The picture is entitled "The Friendly Gleam Across the Snow," and is in soft colors depicting pleasing birches in their white and brown, a friendly stream and a snow-covered home with its radiant warmth and welcoming light. It is a very attractive work of art.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKinley journeyed up to Gaylord and spent the Christmas tide at the family manse with their son Ray and wife and daughter Joyce Elizabeth. Friday night they attended the Baptist Christmas program and exercises under the auspices of the Sunday school. Christmas day and evening they enjoyed some wonderfully entertaining music and select programs over the Atwater Kent radio set recently installed in the home of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy enjoyed having as their guests over Christmas their entire family, it being some years since the family had a reunion. Those from out of the city included Sister M. Pancretia of Guardian Angel Convent, Manistee, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Thelon and Miss Margaret Cassidy of Grand Rapids. Miss Margaret Cassidy, who was injured when she was struck with an automobile last November, has not fully recovered from her injuries. She had suffered a severe gash in her head and one knee was severely injured.

The recent dancing parties given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas at the Temple theatre have proved very popular and have been attended by large crowds, who sure enjoyed the many novelty features and surprises that had been prepared for them and every dance was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The next party will be given January 6th, when many new features will be presented at the big barn dance. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are deserving of much credit in the way that these weekly events are being conducted. It is really good entertainment.

Don't forget the Charity Ball given at the high school gymnasium on New Year's Eve.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Modana visited over Christmas at the home of the former's parents in Charlevoix.

Miss Eva Smith of River Rouge is spending the holidays with her brother, Supt. B. E. Smith and family.

Miss Mabel Shippy enjoyed Christmas with friends in Gaylord, returning to Grayling Monday afternoon.

The L. N. L. will hold their installation of officers at their business meeting Wednesday evening, January 6. All members are requested to be present. Pot luck lunch.

See Miss Anita Thomas in a dance specialty at the Old Barn Dance at the Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Bay City is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Johnson.

Fred Edwards of Flint is spending the holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nellie Edwards and with other friends.

Don't miss the big barn dance at the Temple theatre, Thursday, Jan. 6th. Couples, \$1.00. Extra lady, 50c. Balcony, 35c.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yuill of Vandeville were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziebell over Christmas.

Schram's seven-piece orchestra will furnish the music at the Charity Ball, Friday, Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve, at the school gymnasium.

Herman Hanson, who is attending Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, is home for the holiday vacation.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Zalsman of Detroit spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Zalsman, returning to Detroit Monday.

Miss Viva Hoesli, who is attending Memorial hospital nurses' college in Owosso, was home over Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoesli.

Russell Robertson, who is attending M. S. C. at Lansing arrived home Friday morning to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Robertson.

Miss Helen Johnson, formerly of Grayling, visited friends here Sunday enroute to Detroit from Gaylord, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Merry.

Miss Ruby Stephan, who is attending business college in Lima, Ohio, is spending the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stephan, on the AuSable.

Grand prize for the most comical dressed rude couple, who attend the barn dance at the Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th. Souvenirs, confetti, novelties and fun.

Santa Claus left as gifts on Christmas morning, a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Matthews and a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Vincent. All are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Meistrup and children of Detroit and Miss Kristine Salling, who is teaching at Alma, are spending the holidays at the home of the ladies' mother, Mrs. Victor Salling.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Nelson entertained the members of the former's family at dinner on Christmas eve. Afterwards they enjoyed the Nelson Christmas tree and spent the evening "listening in" on the radio.

Sigurd Johnson, who is taking a course in pharmacy at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, is home for the holidays, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson motoring over to Big Rapids to accompany him home.

Come on girls, put on your gingham and come to "Ye Old-Time Barn Dance," and enjoy the best time of your life. Novelties, noise-makers and fun galore. Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th.

B. E. Smith and family are enjoying a visit from his mother, who intends to remain for some time. She has been making her home with relatives in Spokane, Washington and other western cities for a number of years.

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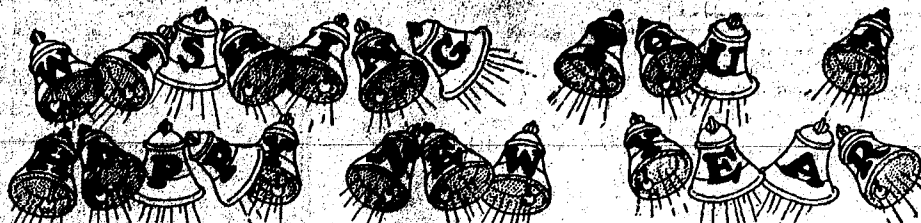
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WHEN New Year Bells peal o'er the land Their joyous, merry chimes, May they ring in for one and all A year of glad, good times.

1927

It is the sincere wish of this store that the people of this community enjoy to the fullest a most

Happy and Prosperous New Year

Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Quality Store

Grayling, Michigan

Phone 1251

Mrs. Dell Walt joined Mr. Walt in Detroit, spending Christmas there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillett visited over Christmas with relatives in Bay City.

All who are in favor of a skating rink on the school grounds again this winter, say aye.

Ed Gibbons was in Detroit a few days last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. F. Butler.

John Foster and family, who have been residing in Flint, have returned to Grayling to reside.

Carl Loskos of Grand Rapids is spending the holidays visiting his mother, Mrs. Kate Loskos.

Archie Cripps returned Christmas day from a two weeks visit in Ada, Ohio, Detroit and Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bailey and daughter, Miss Janice, spent Christmas with relatives in Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chappell and son Roy of Caro are spending the holidays visiting friends and relatives here.

Einer Jorgenson of Detroit is home over the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Jorgenson.

Miss Kathryn Craft of Rose City is visiting at the home of her brother, Emory Craft and family for the holiday vacation.

Peter McNeven drove to Petoskey Saturday morning to eat Christmas dinner at the V. A. Baker home, returning Sunday afternoon.

Wesley LaGrow, who is employed in Bay City, is home for the holidays visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

John Huber left Friday night for Detroit visiting over Christmas with his wife, who is spending the winter with her parents. He returned Wednesday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jake Burnham are spending the holiday vacation with relatives in St. Louis.

Miss Ann Fisher of Cheboygan is here to spend New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trudeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Routier and son Ralph are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bauman.

Miss Ona Lozon visited over Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lozon of Maple Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrie returned yesterday from Maple Ridge, where they spent Christmas visiting the latter's mother.

Ned Woodman, cartoonist for Life, Judge and other popular publications, will make you forget your troubles for awhile January 6th, at the Michelson Memorial church.

February 2nd will mark the date of the annual American Legion masked ball, given under auspices of the local Post. This party is always a popular affair and no doubt this year will be better than ever. Folks are urged to plan their costumes and make-ups now as there will be no regular costumer here.

State police caused the arrest of Conrad Sorenson, Alonzo Collen and James Post Tuesday afternoon, the charge being violation of the prohibition law. They were assisted by Sheriff Bobenmoyer. It is claimed that Edwin Reagan, a former Grayling boy, is ready to testify that he purchased a quart of so-called whiskey from Sorenson. "It is reported that nothing but a few empty whiskey bottles were found in the places of business of Post and Collen, which they claim were left there by outsiders and that they were not responsible for their presence. All left Tuesday evening to appear in federal court for arraignment. Henry Ross of T-Town was also arrested, charged with the same offense.

NEW BURTON HOTEL

Dining room now open. Regular meals served from 11:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.; evenings, from 5:30 to 7:00. Short order lunches at all hours—day and night service. Regular boarders solicited. Give us a trial.

12-23-2 O. B. Scott, proprietor.

NED WOODMAN, NEXT LYCEUM NUMBER

A feature of unusual interest will be the appearance next Thursday evening, January 6th, on the lyceum course of the popular cartoonist, Ned Woodman, who will present one of his famous cheereologs.

Woodman is well known all over the country. He is a prince of entertainers. He is both cartoonist and humorist.

Woodman has developed his "chalk-talks" into a spectacular entertainment. His musical and cartoon comedies are the result of many years of chautauqua training and experience. There is plenty of sound philosophy mingled with his fun.

Don't miss Ned Woodman. He's one of the best. Place—Michelson Memorial church.

Truly Delicious

This Bacon

You will agree with us, once you taste it. Sliced to your order, thin, medium or thick, or by the piece if you so prefer it. But whatever your choice, make it a point to get some and have it for breakfast New Year's morning.

Burrow's Market

Phone No. 126

Don't forget to order Mary Jane cottage cheese.

WISCO—Nut Oleo—Delicious A-1 bread spread, 25c per lb., 5 lbs., \$1.20.

Petersen's Grocery

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

New Year Time 1927

To Our Friends:

We are not unmindful of the pleasant relationship that has existed between us. We thank you for the opportunities we have enjoyed of serving you and shall earnestly strive to deserve your increasing confidence in the future.

In the spirit of this season of Good Will, we extend Greetings, and wish for you and yours a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

H. Petersen.

Petersen's Grocery



Here's the Kodak Dad got me for Christmas.

Your boy is missing a lot of fun without a Kodak. If you didn't get him a Kodak for Christmas, do it now at this store.

Prices are from \$5 up.

Finishing

SORENSEN BROS.

Phone 79

Let Us Serve You With

Quality Meats

Make it a habit to call Phone 126 each morning for your Meats. You will find it a practical and economical manner of supplying your table with choice Meats. We are here to serve you in a way satisfactory to you.

Huber Market

JOHN HUBER, Prop.

CARL NELSON, Clerk

Local News

Miss Bernice McNeven is spending the holidays in Lansing with friends.

John Phelps of Oronville arrived today to be the guest of Herman Hanson.

Henry Ahman, who is attending the U. of M., Ann Arbor, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows and family visited over Christmas with relatives in Cheboygan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockwell of Gaylord over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Anderson of Maple Forest are visiting her father, William Johnson and family.

Henry Buckholz, who is employed by the Kerry & Way company of Saginaw visited over Christmas with his family here.

Charles DeWaele, who was a patient at Grayling Mercy hospital for several weeks, was dismissed last Thursday and returned to his home in Roscommon.

James Richardson, who was home from Pontiac over Christmas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richardson of South Branch, spent Sunday here a guest in the Frank Ahman home.

Miss Astrid Ahman, who is employed as bookkeeper and stenographer in the offices of Grinnell Bros. in Detroit was home over Christmas, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ahman.

Tonight and tomorrow night "The Son of the Shiek," featuring the beloved Rudolph Valentino will be presented at the Grayling Opera house. W. C. Fields in "So's Your Old Man" is the feature for New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson and sons and Mrs. Olson's mother, Mrs. Ellen Failing motored to Saginaw and spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas. While away E. J. purchased a fine new Hudson coach.

Good heating stove for sale at the Avalanche office.

FREDERIC

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goldie and children of Henderson were here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burke on their way to Colbourne, Ont., to see his mother who is very ill.

Last Monday the remains of Lawrence Moran was brought here for interment from Detroit. He was the youngest brother of Mrs. Norman Fisher, also of Joseph Moran of Alba and Philip of Grayling. Rev. Crandall delivered a good sermon, while some beautiful songs were sung by a small choir. The song "I'll be with You in the Morning" was especially beautiful.

Last Thursday morning while Mr. and Mrs. McClain and family were at breakfast in the kitchen, they smelled smoke and opening the middle door, found the front room enveloped in flames, and had hard work to save a sick boy. Nothing was saved to amount to anything. Mr. and Mrs. McClain are hard working, industrious people, and at this time of year should be generously helped, as they could ill afford such a loss.

Mrs. J. J. Higgins is on the sick list, being under the doctor's care. The Christmas trees, both at the school house and church, were very beautiful and the programs rendered were fine. Those of special mention were Miss Lena Bader and the stringed quartette, composed of Robert Hunter, sister Annabelle and Ruth Forbush.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wixson spent Sunday in Petoskey.

Clarence Armstrong was home for the holidays, accompanied by Mrs. Mattie Moore.

Miss Gertrude Lapham is spending the holidays in Saginaw.

The Florida tourists arrived safely at Melrose and Orlando.

Dr. Saunders of Gaylord spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wixson.

Art Pfleger and wife are spending the holidays with his people at Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wallace are visiting at Battle Creek.

Leece Ashenfelter of Grayling spent Christmas with Miss Annabelle Hunter.

Pete Ries of Blissfield spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bader and family at Waters with Joe Dormires.

Ed Barber of Chicago Heights and Elton of Flint spent Christmas at home with their mother.

Jimmie Horton returned home to Pontiac for the holidays.

Lieut. Preston, of the aeroplane corps, and wife are home with the Charles Craven family.

Ethel Parson is visiting her sister in Detroit.

Clarice Welch and Patsy McKay were at home over Christmas.

Mrs. McCracken found it necessary to have her dog shot. The only fault he had was crankiness towards children.

NED WOODMAN COMING HERE JANUARY 6TH

Wherever Ned Woodman, well-known cartoonist and entertainer, who comes here next Thursday evening on the lecture course, presents one of his famous cheerlogs, critics are unanimously enthusiastic. Here are a few typical comments on Mr. Woodman and his work.

Ned Woodman is in a class by himself, and for two hours kept the crowd in a constant state of mirth by his unique sketches. Woodman is more than an artist; he is a poet, a philosopher, a psychologist and a "revolutionary" man to himself. "Citizen Press, Jackson, Mich."

"Too much for the money," "educational as well as entertaining," "the best ever"—these, and many other comments of kindred nature express the universal favor with which the work of that most genial of cartoonists and artists, Ned Woodman, was received Thanksgiving evening. His stories were witty, his impersonations true to life and his cartoons and caricatures characteristic.

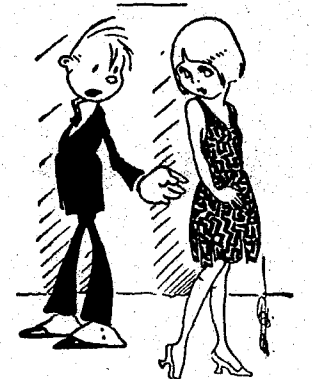
—Truth, Chubbuck, Ind. Ned Woodman is not only a cartoonist of first rank, but a fine caricaturist. His rich humor, so natural and unaffected, at once won his audience. The large audience thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed the entertainment.—Register, Barker, N. Y.

WHERE YOU LIVE



Friend—Are you walking to reduce?
She—No—where's that?

SPENT HIS DOLLAR



He—I'd spend my last dollar on you—and you know it.
She—Gosh! I thought you had.

CLOTHES LACKING



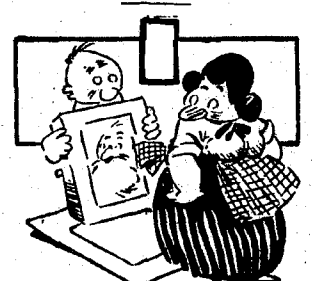
First College Girl—We're not going to have class pins this year.
Second Ditto—No? Why?
First Ditto—Well, you've got to have clothes to pin 'em on, haven't you?

A PEACHBLOW



"Must be a 'peach' tree, from what's up in it."
"On the same principle, it would be a nut tree if you were here."

A WEIGHTY SUBJECT



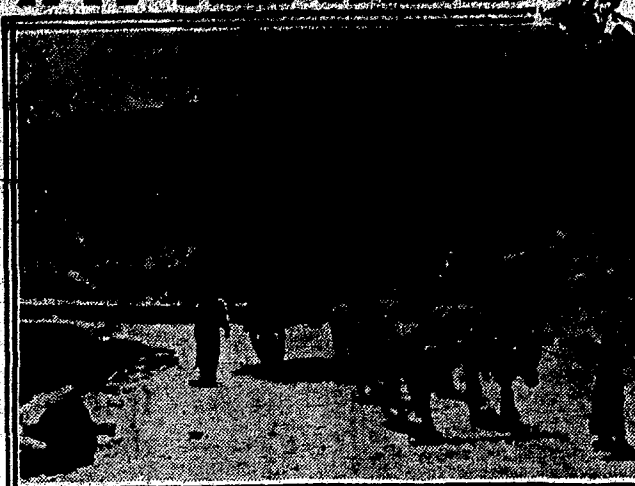
Pewee—Where do you want me to hang this portrait of your father?
His Wife—Don't try to lift that portrait. You'll strain your back. Father weighed two hundred and fifty pounds when he had it painted.

HE DROVE A CAR



She—Thirty days mean a month, don't they?
He—Yes—when they don't mean a jail.

EDWINA'S IN MEXICO



Transportation in Mexico.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

PERHAPS nowhere else in the world is there a country so full of contrast as Mexico. With a university established before John Harvard, Elihu Yale, or William and Mary were born, the masses of its people are ignorant. With a hospital founded before Jamestown was even dreamed of, it is backward in a medical way. With natural riches greater than those of a thousand Midases, its masses are as poor as the proverbial church mouse.

Here you will see a Mexican half-breed, barefooted, wearing a dollar pair of trousers, a fifty-cent shirt, and a ten-dollar sombrero. There, at a single glance and within the length of a single city block, you may see an Indian carador, a donkey, an ox-cart, a carriage, a railroad train, a street car, and an automobile—almost every type of locomotion since Adam.

You may tread the burning sands of a tropical desert with the wet of the perpetual snow of towering mountains still upon your shoes. You may take a single railway journey of 36 hours in which the people you see at the railroad station will be dressed in four different weights of clothing.

Land of the inordinately rich and of the abjectly poor; land of the aboriginal Indian and of the Twentieth-century business man; land of perpetual snow and of unending summer—everywhere you turn there is contrast, high lights and deep shadows.

Mexico has an area approximately one-fourth of that of the United States. It has a coast line some 6,000 miles long, although its greatest length is less than 2,000 miles, and its greatest breadth only 750 miles. Although its area is only one-fourth that of Brazil, its population is approximately equal to that of the empire of the southern continent. Some 14,000,000 souls live within its borders, of whom more than two-thirds can neither read nor write.

Of the total population, only about 19 per cent are white, 38 per cent are mixed parentage, while 43 per cent still maintain their Indian blood uncorrupted.

Vast Agricultural Resources. The agricultural possibilities of Mexico, despite its vast central desert plain, are great. It has millions of acres of the finest grazing land, great bodies of land that will produce two crops of corn a year, large areas of banana lands that can match those of Guatemala and Costa Rica, coffee lands that produce coffee not only fit for the "queen's table," but used on it, rubber lands, and cocoa lands—all lying accessible to good railroads and in touch with the world's markets.

Go to Yucatan, go to Colima, go to Chihuahua, go to Vera Cruz, and everywhere outside the great desert you will find a soil teeming with possibilities. And portions even of the desert land, if we may judge by what we have done with our own western alkali plains, may yet be made to blossom when the irrigationist and the plant breeder join hands.

A trip along the Pan-American railroad, with its magnificent forests and great ancient estates, among them one on which the cattle still wear the brand of Cortes; over the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, where the tropical jungle rivals that of the Motagua river valley in Guatemala, which has been pronounced by travelers one of the richest in the world, and then on up through the great Atlantic plain of middle Mexico, suggests the immense undeveloped resources of the country.

In the middle and lower altitude belts of the country the banana and the orange flourish. The excellent railroad facilities of Mexico give a good outlet to the ports at Vera Cruz and Tampico, where ships are constantly loading for European and American ports. The oranges of eastern Mexico are nearer to the eastern part of the United States than are those of southern California, and crop failures among them are unknown. With the same methods of cultivation that are pursued in Florida and southern California, they should be a source of vast wealth to the country.

Although the value of the corn produced in Mexico each year is greater than that of any other product, not even excepting gold or silver, the

country still has to import a part of its supply. The reason is not far to seek—it is the nation-wide love for the tortilla. There are vast areas where it is easy to produce two crops of corn a year and where each crop grows with an exuberance that would delight the heart of any corn-club contestant in the United States.

Cotton a Prehistoric Crop.

History does not recall the time when cotton first was cultivated in Mexico. The Spaniards found it there. Indians clothed with cotton garments were first seen by Columbus along the coast of Yucatan at the very dawn of the Sixteenth century. The Toltecs wrote in their sacred books that Quetzalcohuatl, god of the air, grew cotton of all colors in his garden and taught them its many uses. In the times of Cortes the Indians quilted armor of cotton, which was proof against arrows.

To this day cotton is cultivated with profit in many parts of the country. In the Laguna region it is perennial and does not require to be planted oftener than once in ten years.

Mexico probably has a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world. The parrot fruit tree produces an odd-shaped fruit, bearing a close resemblance to green parakeets. Evidently mindful of this striking resemblance, when the parakeet is frightened it makes a dash for the parrot tree, where it assumes a position which makes it look like the fruit itself.

Another remarkable tree is the "Arbol de Dinamite"—dynamite tree—whose fruit, if kept in a warm place, bursts with considerable force and a loud report, scattering its flat seeds to a surprising distance.

One of the most interesting fruits in Mexico is known as the melon zapote, or papaya. It grows wild and attains a height of as much as 25 feet. The dark-green leaves are from 20 to 30 inches long and grow at the top of an otherwise leafless trunk. The fruit would seem a cross between a cantaloupe, a pumpkin, and a watermelon. The tree begins to bear fruit when a year old, producing from 20 to 100 melons at a time, a single one of which may weigh as much as 20 pounds.

No other country in the New World, south of the Rio Grande, is so well supplied with railroads as Mexico. Prior to the Madero revolution, it had 20,000 miles of up-to-date American railroad. Now about 13,000 miles are in operation. At six different points lines crossed the frontier from the United States, and Laredo, Eagle Pass and El Paso gateways, handled much traffic to and from Mexico. The Mexican railroads carried 11,000,000 passengers annually at that time, and handled about 11,000,000 tons of freight. Their total revenues amounted to about \$40,000,000.

Rich in Minerals.

Humboldt once pronounced Mexico "the treasure-house of the world." It produces one-third of the world's silver, a considerable percentage of its gold, one-ninth of its lead, and one-twentieth of its copper. The country's mineral production, exclusive of iron, coal and petroleum, amounted to \$168,000,000 in 1910, but the output dropped after the fall of Diaz. With the exception of Campeche, Tabasco and Yucatan, every state in the Mexican republic possesses mines, of which there are 21,000, covering 638,000 acres of mineral lands. They gave employment at one time to half a million men. Yet probably less than one-fourth of the mineral possibilities of the republic have been exploited. Prior to the outbreak of the Madero revolution, upward of 5,000 mining claims were registered each year.

The famous iron mountain at Durango is estimated to contain 6,000,000 tons of iron ore, which is worth seven times the value of all the gold and silver mined in Mexico in two centuries. It is believed that this deposit was formed by the same process that made the Hudson river palisades, near New York city.

The Santa Maria graphite mines are the largest and most important in the western world. There are seven beds of graphite deposits, varying in thickness from 9 to 10 feet. They were formed from coal beds by the changes brought about by flows of molten granite.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Bault Ste. Marie—Bault Ste. Marie, Ont., was without light and power for some little time because of an anchor ice in the power canal. Moving picture houses and industries dependent on electric power were closed.

Jackson—The plant of the Hinkley Motors Corporation here was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin with a loss, estimated at \$250,000. The building was a three-story brick structure, formerly occupied by the Mott Wheel Co.

Ironwood—Twenty-two men who did extraordinary work in the rescue of 43 miners entombed in G shaft of the Fabbt Mine here several months ago, were presented with gold watches and medals by the Oliver Iron Mining Co., owners of the mine.

Harbor Springs—An outbreak of scarlet fever has developed in a few families here and a ban has been put on all public gatherings. Theatres and churches will not open for several days by order of the State Board of Health. Schools are allowed to continue.

Wyandotte—Caught in a sewer cavein, Andrew Molnar, 45 years old, was buried in dirt up to his neck for more than two hours before his cries were heard by a passerby. Police, called by the man who discovered Molnar's plight, rescued him. He suffered from exposure and an injured back.

Cadillac—Senator-elect Albert J. Engle, of Lake City, in an address before the Cadillac Chapter of the Isaac Walton League of America, explained his intention to propose, at the next session of the State Legislature, a \$5,000,000 bond issue to finance establishment of game refuges in this state. The Cadillac chapter approves the plan.

Ann Arbor—A mailman walking rapidly for eight and one-half hours each day would be necessary to carry the mail to the miniature city of the University of Michigan, a check up of an average day's activity by officials shows. A total weight of 320 pounds and a total of 2,317 pieces were counted in the average day's delivery. The mail is distributed about the campus to members of the faculty and department offices.

Ann Arbor—Plans for the new museum to be constructed at a cost of \$900,000 at the University of Michigan have been submitted to Dr. Alexander C. Ruthven, director of the present University of Michigan museum. Dr. Ruthven will go over the plans and will then pass them on to the board of regents for final approval before the actual construction of the new museum will be begun. It is planned to break ground for the new building early next year.

Menominee—Prince, a 35-pound colie, is credited by his owner, Mahad Dvoracek, Menominee Township farmer, with saving his life when the log gave battle to a 1,500-pound bull and routed the animal. Dvoracek said that the bull attacked him as he entered its stall. He was flung against a partition and received four broken ribs. Lying there helpless, Dvoracek called to the dog, who came and attacked the animal, routing him just as he was preparing to charge him again.

Iron River—When Miss Ruth Borna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Borna, of this city, was married recently to Charles Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Olsen, of Armstrong Creek, Wis., it was the third marriage between brothers and sisters. Miss Dora Borna was married to Ted Olsen two years ago and Miss Amy Borna was married to Archie Olsen a year ago. A fourth Borna daughter is engaged to marry a fourth Olsen. The newly married couples live on farms adjacent to each other.

Ann Arbor—Water is flowing from the excavations for the University of Michigan's new million dollar stadium at the rate of 850,000 gallons daily, it was revealed here in a report given by Howard K. Hollands, consulting engineer for the city water department. The flow of water is seriously hampering construction work on the stadium but the situation will be remedied as soon as a drain now being constructed, is finished. This drain will serve as an outlet for the water in the flooded area.

Detroit—Physical violence came near supplanting judicial calmness in Melba Eugene Sharp's court, when Justice L. Ruben, a woman attorney, threatened to slap his honor's face, after she said the justice had squared off with the apparent intention of striking her husband, who is also an attorney. As a result of the fracas, Ruben and his wife were cited for contempt and remanded to the custody of the sheriff. Rather than serve 30 days in jail, the couple apologized and were released.

Monroe—Members of Monroe lodge No. 27 F. & A. M. held a banquet here recently at the Masonic temple in accord with a bequest of Colonel Ira G. Humphrey, for 45 years a member of the order, a former lawyer of Detroit, and Monroe, who died here May 23, 1924. The banquet was served by the stewards of the lodge in strict accordance with the will of Colonel Humphrey, made July 5, 1922, which provided after he had been buried with Masonic rites, the lodge which performed them was to enjoy the feast.

Hillsdale—Alva A. Rose, mail carrier on route 2 out of Waldron, has retired, having served the United States postal department for 35 years. He also celebrated his sixtieth birthday anniversary recently.

Delta—A large basswood tree, overhanging the banks of the Grand River near here, was discovered to be the home of the largest raccoon ever captured in this section. The animal weighed 85 pounds and before being taken by Frank Hughes, a painter, of Lansing, was able to make a mess out of its captor's thumb.

Detroit—Henry Ford's fortune is two billion dollars, based on the earning capacity of his huge automobile interests. At present, with his son, Edsel, he carries a cash balance in Detroit which varies somewhere between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000. A prominent Detroit statistician is authority for the first statement.

Lansing—The State Highway Department, according to B. C. Finney, maintenance engineer, plans to keep a total of 6,704 miles of trunk line highway cleared of snow this winter. This includes 4,571 miles in the Lower Peninsula and 953 miles in the Upper Peninsula. The total distance kept open last winter was 4,061 miles and the cost of it averaged \$44 per mile.

Ann Arbor—The annual All-Americans of Grantland Rice and Walter Eckersall, both nationally known football authorities, have been announced, and the two are in agreement on the 11 best players in America for 1926. Both chose Benny Friedman of Michigan as the captain of their teams, and both also picked Bennie Oosterbaan. Their choices for all other positions also were identical.

Muskegon—Thirty-four thousand fans paid admission to watch Muskegon High play at its home football games this season. Sixty thousand fans saw the team play at home and abroad. More than 3,000, the capacity of Hackley field, witnessed the Grand Rapids Central game here Thanksgiving, when Muskegon finished its season and won the state title. Other fans were unable to get seats.

Detroit—Detroit, which brought individual transportation to the world in the automobile, will take another step forward in world leadership of personal service in business when the First National bank shall have completed its 18-story garage building, directly connected with the bank, for the use of its customers and tenants of its office building, about a year hence. The building will have space for 700 cars.

Detroit—The Detroit street railway and the water board, as corporations, do not have to pay the 13 1/2 per cent levy imposed by the revenue act of 1926, it was decided by Commissioner of Internal David H. Blair, following a conference with Mayor John W. Smith, when the mayor was in Washington recently. On the other hand, the employees of both the water board and street railway must pay income taxes until the law can be amended.

Traverse City—While some of the older boys operated fire extinguishers to keep the flames in check, others led smaller children to safety when fire broke out in the Oak Park Grammar school here. Three hundred and seventy-five pupils and their teachers escaped from the building in perfect order. Forty-five seconds after the fire was discovered the building had been cleared of children. Teachers were unanimous in saying that the older boys averted a panic.

Battle Creek—Although Stuart Rodgers 45 years old, was not accused of any specific act, a jury in Municipal Court found him guilty of contributing to the delinquency of minor children and Judge Carl S. Gray sentenced Rodgers to 60 days in the county jail. Rodgers was accused of taking girls to picture shows and on automobile rides. More than 20 young girls testified for the prosecution and all said Rodgers always had treated them well and they went with him "because he was so nice."

Detroit—Detroit police must, and will, shoot it out with killers, with all gun-toting bandits and gangsters. It will be war to the death. The outlaws or the police men must fall in definite defeat. There can be no further compromise. This, in substance, was the grim edict issued by Police Commissioner Wm. P. Rutledge, who did not conceal the fact that he was aroused to desperation by the cold-blooded murders by bandits and series of other outrages in recent weeks, with no apparent captures.

Detroit—The Wright-engine fokker monoplane, with which Commander Richard E. Byrd and Pilot Floyd Bennett flew over the North Pole this year, will be flown to Detroit soon by the explorers to be placed permanently in the Ford Museum at Dearborn. It is Henry Ford's plan to place in his museum notable vehicles of land and air, early automobiles and airplanes and the like. The Byrd plane bore the name of Edsel Ford's daughter Josephine. Edsel Ford was the earliest backer of Byrd's successful flight.

Lansing—"King" Benjamin Purnell, of the House of David, rewarded his captor with another trophy. Detective Herman W. Kays, of the State Police, received a gold pin with a moon stone setting. An accompanying letter, signed "House of David, per E. M." said: "This pin is one that was especially prized by Benjamin and was one of his special likes. When the cult leader was being taken to jail immediately after his capture he united a yellow bit of ribbon from his long gray hair and gave it to Kays, promising another souvenir later."

TWO FARM MEASURES OFFERED IN SENATE

McNary and Harrison Proposals Submitted—Hearings Next Month.

Washington—Seeking to link the South with the West in a unified demand for farm relief by legislation, Representative Fulmer, Democrat of South Carolina, introduced a new agricultural measure to the house. It differs in only one respect from the McNary bill now before the senate, in that it suspends operation of the equalization fee on cotton for two years after passage. It will be known as the Fulmer-McNary bill.

Washington—A contender with the McNary measure for the farm relief honors in the senate has appeared in the form of a bill prepared by Senator Harrison of Mississippi, proposing to relieve agriculture by permitting the federal intermediate credit banks to lend farmers \$1,200,000,000.

Denouncing the McNary bill as an espousal of the principle of protective tariff, the Mississippi senator declared the real way to relieve agriculture was by liberalizing the intermediate credit system to permit any farmer to borrow money at low interest to hold his crop for better prices.

The McNary bill, a revision of the McNary-Haugen equalization fee measure designed to gain wider support while retaining the fundamental elements of that proposal, was recently introduced in the senate, but was held out of the house hopper pending an agreement among proponents on a name for it and on certain of its provisions.

Agriculture committees of both houses are expected to begin hearings on the measure next month.

Under the Harrison bill the capital stock of the twelve intermediate credit banks would be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 each, with authority for each to make loans up to ten times its capital stock.

The interest rate would be fixed at 4 per cent and loans could be made on 85 per cent of the market value of the product. The present law requiring the intermediate banks to lend only to co-operative organizations would be broadened to permit the banks to make loans to individuals, firms and corporations with warehouses receipts or shipping documents as security.

All agricultural products are included in the bill, with a particular provision for cotton, authorizing loans on all grades, including low grades that are now barred from loans. "A great emergency now exists and every reasonable credit should be extended by the government to aid and assist," Senator Harrison declared in a statement.

Provision for federal advances of cash to strengthen and render efficient farmers' co-operatives supporting orderly marketing and stabilized prices, is a major provision of the revamped McNary-Haugen agricultural relief bill.

Revision of the bill, not with regard to principles but in details, was made necessary by opposition which developed against it in both the house and senate.

In its reintroduction, Chairman McNary, of the agricultural committee, declared that in order to remedy the condition of the American farmer, some way of handling surplus crops without loss must be found.

It was essential to the nation, he said, that farmers in the United States maintain a high standard of living. Under present unequal price conditions it is impossible for them to keep a high standard. He stated that "when a farmer has a bumper crop he generally has less money than if it were only a fair sized crop." Senator McNary added that a good yield of wheat or oats or cotton might be the ruin of agriculturists, as it had been found that for every increase in saleable farm products, a corresponding price drop usually occurred—and generally the price depreciation was two to three times more than market conditions warranted.

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